SONY

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Video Cassette Recorder

Operating Instructions

VHS

VCRplus+

SLV-440/440 PX
SLV-441

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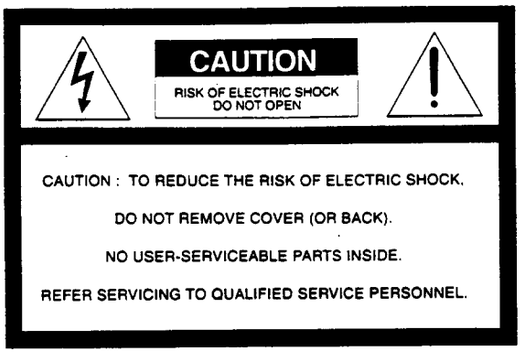
WARNING

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.


CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN
CAUTION : TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK.
DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK).
NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE.
REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

CAUTION

To prevent electric shock, do not use this polarized AC plug with an extension cord, receptacle or other outlet unless the blades can be fully inserted to prevent blade exposure.

Precautions

Safety

- Operate the unit only on 120V AC, 60 Hz *(SLV-440/441 only)*.
- If anything falls into the cabinet, unplug the unit and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.
- One blade of the plug is wider than the other for the purpose of safety and will fit into the power outlet only one way. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, contact your Sony dealer.
- Unplug the unit from the wall outlet if you do not intend to use it for an extended period of time. To disconnect the cord, pull it out by the plug, never by the cord.

Installing

- Allow adequate air circulation to prevent internal heat buildup.
- Do not place the unit on surfaces (rugs, blankets, etc.) or near materials (curtains, draperies) that may block the ventilation slots.
- Do not install the unit near heat sources such as radiators or air ducts, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, mechanical vibration or shock.
- Do not install the unit in an inclined position. It is designed to be operated in a horizontal position only.
- Keep the unit and cassettes away from equipment with strong magnets, such as microwave ovens or large loudspeakers.
- Do not place heavy objects on the unit.
- If the unit is brought directly from a cold to a warm location, moisture may condense inside the VCR and cause damage to the video head and tape. When you first install the unit, or when you move it from a cold to a warm location, wait for about one hour before operating the unit.

Information

For customers in the USA

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

Caution

Television programs, films, video tapes and other materials may be copyrighted. Unauthorized recording of such material may be contrary to the provisions of the copyright laws. Also, use of this recorder with cable television transmission may require authorization from the cable television transmission and/or program owner.

Notice to customers who have purchased this product outside the USA *(SLV-440 PX only)*

Plug adaptor

The plug supplied with your VCR differs from the one that is shown in the Operating Instructions. Attach the supplied adaptor onto the plug so that it will fit your power outlet.

Power supply

The unit operates on a power supply of 110 to 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz and not only on 120 V AC, 60 Hz as indicated in the Operating Instructions.

Owner's record

The model number is located at the rear and front of the unit and the serial number on the top. Record these numbers in the spaces provided below. Refer to them whenever you call upon your Sony dealer regarding this product.

Model No._____ Serial No. _____

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Welcome!

Thank you for purchasing the Sony Video Cassette Recorder (VCR). Here are some of the features you'll enjoy with your VCR:

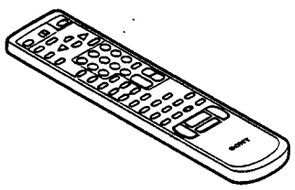
- VCR Plus+* system that lets you quickly and easily preset the VCR to record programs
- Cable box control that allows your VCR to control channel selection on most brands of cable boxes
- ON SCREEN HELP messages that warn you of having attempted an incorrect operation.

* VCR Plus+ and PlusCode are trademarks of Gemstar Development Corp. VCR Plus+ system is manufactured under license from Gemstar Development Corporation.

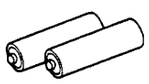
Step 1: Unpacking

Check that you have the following items:

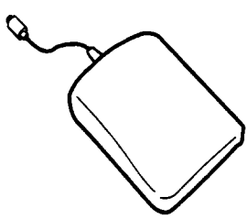
- **Remote commander**



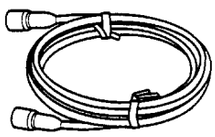
- **Size AA (R6) batteries**



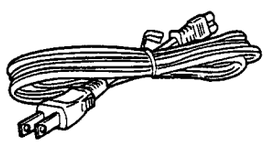
- **Cable Mouse (cable box controller)**



- **75-ohm coaxial cable with F-type connectors**



- **AC power cord *(SLV-440/441)***



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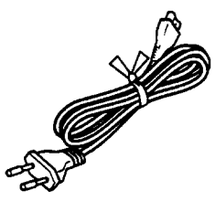
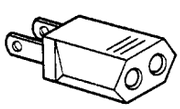


- **Plug adaptor *(SLV-440 PX)***



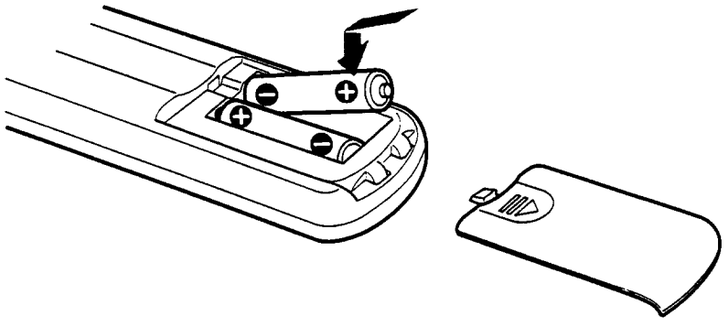
Step 2: Setting up the remote commander

Notes

- With normal use, the batteries should last for approximately three to six months.
- If you do not use the remote commander for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to avoid possible damage from battery leakage.
- Do not use a new battery with an old one.
- Do not use different types of batteries.

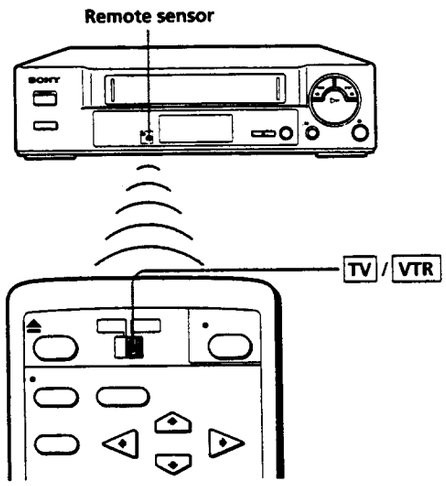
Inserting the batteries

Insert two size AA (R6) batteries by matching the + and – on the batteries to the diagram inside the battery compartment.



Using the remote commander

You can use this remote commander to operate this VCR and a Sony TV. Buttons on the remote commander marked with a dot (•) can be used to operate your TV.



To operate	Set TV / VTR to
the VCR	VTR and point at the remote sensor on the VCR
a Sony TV	TV and point at the remote sensor on the TV

Step 3: Hookups

Caution
Connections between the VCR's VHF/UHF connector and the antenna terminals of the TV receiver should be made only as shown in the following instructions. Failure to do so may result in operation that violates the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission regarding the use and operation of RF devices. Never connect the output of the VCR to an antenna or make simultaneous (parallel) antenna and VCR connections at the antenna terminals of your receiver.

Note to CATV system installer
This reminder is provided to call the CATV system installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC that provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

Selecting the best hookup option

Before you can use your VCR for the first time, you need to connect it to your TV and set it up to receive programs for viewing and recording. This section explains how to hook up and set up your VCR so that you can start enjoying it right away. There are, however, many types of TVs available and many ways in which your TV can be hooked up. For these reasons, this manual describes several ways your VCR can be connected.

To hook up your VCR so that it works best for you, first scan through the table below. Then use the accompanying diagrams and procedures on the following pages to set up your VCR.

If you have	Use	Refer to
TV that has audio/video inputs	Audio/video (A/V) hookup, then follow one of the hookups below.	Page **7**
Cable box that is compatible with the VCR's cable box control feature	Hookup 1	Page **8**
No cable box or incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels	Hookup 2	Page **10**
Antenna only, no cable TV	Hookup 3	Page **12**
Incompatible cable box with many scrambled channels	Hookup 4	Page **14**
Incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels, using an A/B switch	Hookup 5	Page **16**

After you've completed the connections, follow the instructions for setup including VCR Plus+ setup. During setup, if you need more details of the procedure described, page numbers are provided where you can find complete, step-by-step instructions.

After you've completed the setup, you're ready to use your VCR. Procedures differ depending on the hookup you used. For an overview, refer to "Quick reference to using the VCR" on the back cover.

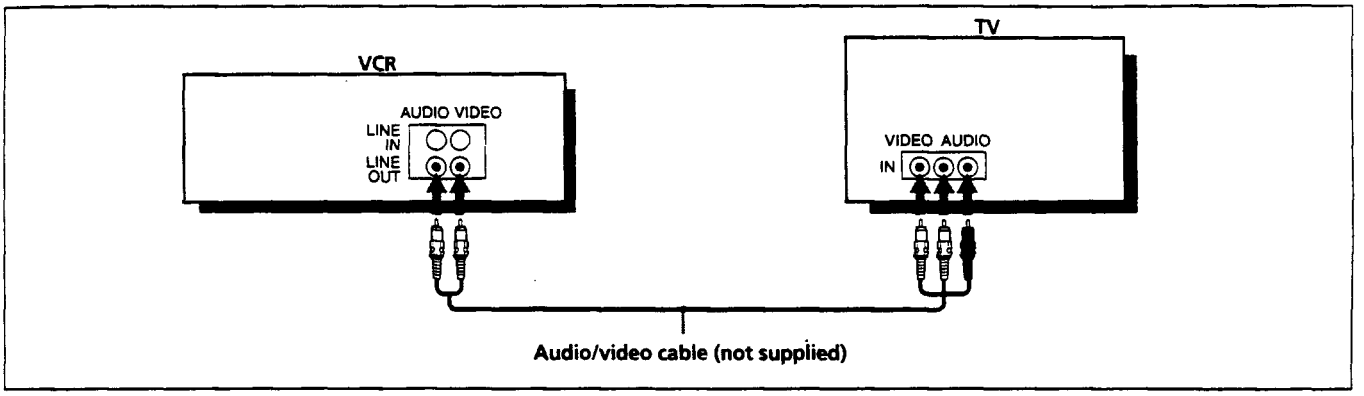
Before you get started
- Turn off the power to all equipment.
- Do not connect the AC power cords until all of the connections are completed.
- Be sure you make connections firmly. Loose connections may cause picture distortion.
- If your TV doesn't match any of the examples provided, see your nearest Sony dealer or qualified technician.

Audio/video (A/V) hookup

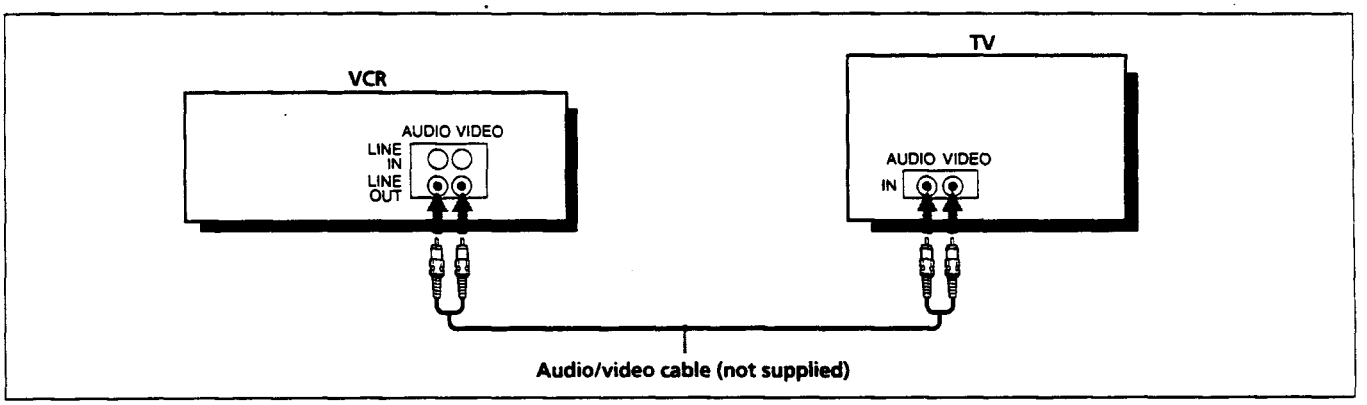
If your TV has audio/video (A/V) input jacks, you will get a better picture and sound if you hook up your VCR using these connections. If your TV doesn't have A/V inputs, see the following pages for antenna or cable hookups.

If you're planning to use your VCR only to play back pictures and movies, you're finished setting up the VCR after you've made these connections. If you want to record off-air or off your cable TV system, complete these connections first, and then go to the following pages for antenna or cable hookups.

A Use this hookup if your TV has stereo jacks



B Use this hookup if your TV doesn't have stereo jacks



Hookup 1

Using cable box control

Recommended use

This hookup is recommended for most cable systems with cable boxes. It allows the VCR's cable box control feature to control the channel on the cable box, simplifying the recording process. You should use this hookup if you have a cable box, especially if your cable system scrambles all or most channels. A list of compatible cable boxes is on page **24**.

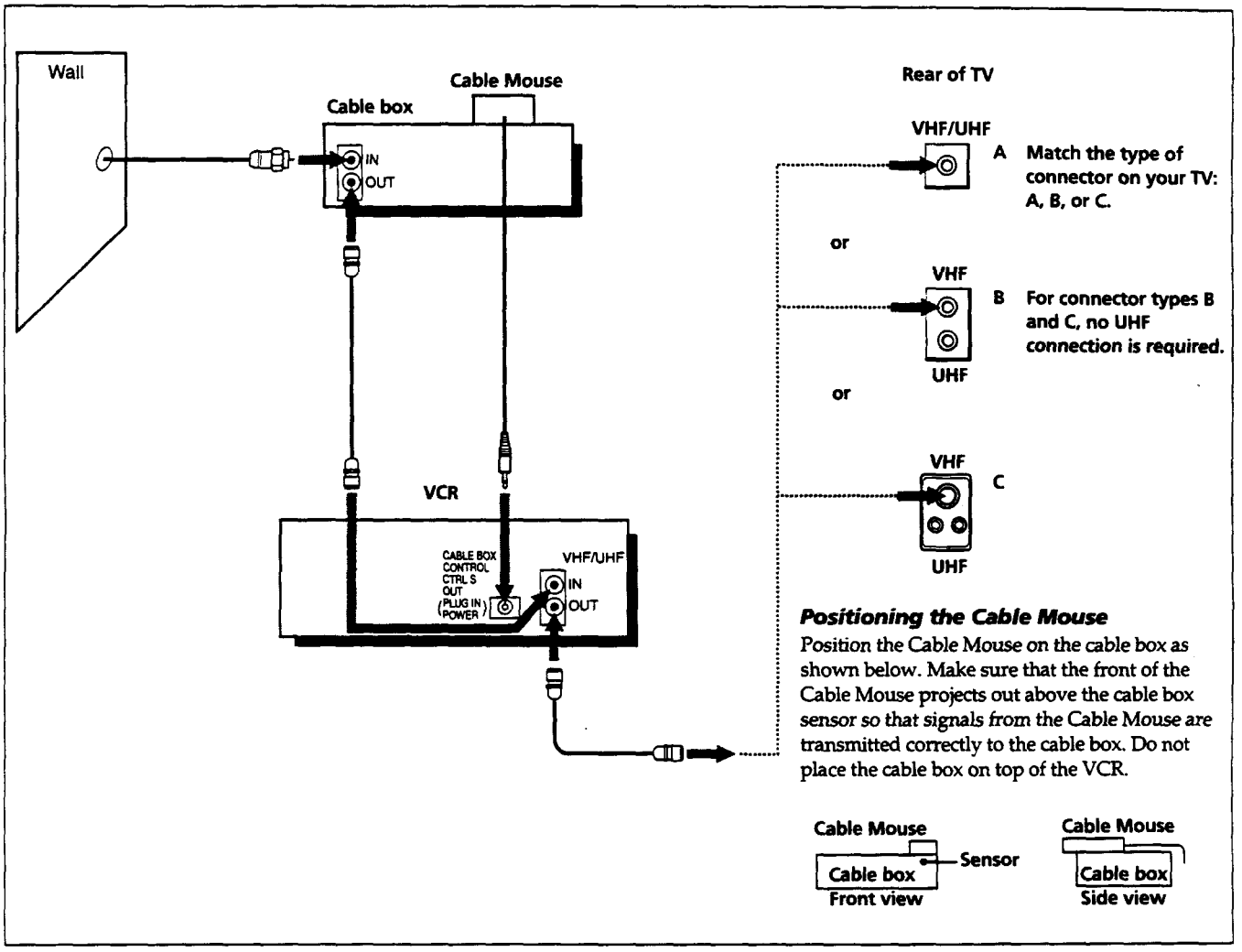
What you can and can't do with this hookup

What you can do

- Record any channel using the VCR's cable box control feature to select channels on the cable box

What you can't do

- Record with the cable box turned off
- Record one channel while watching another channel

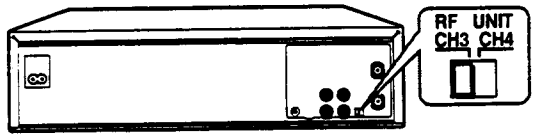


Positioning the Cable Mouse

Position the Cable Mouse on the cable box as shown below. Make sure that the front of the Cable Mouse projects out above the cable box sensor so that signals from the Cable Mouse are transmitted correctly to the cable box. Do not place the cable box on top of the VCR.

Hookup 1: VCR setup

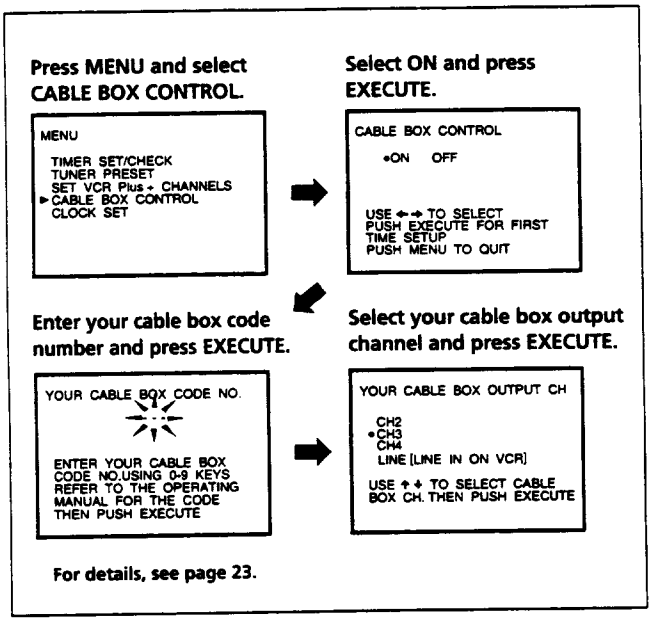
1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 (channel 3) or CH 4 (channel 4), whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.
If you made A/V connections (from page **7**), you can skip this step.



For details, see page 44.

2 Turn on your cable box.

3 Set CABLE BOX CONTROL to ON:


Press MENU and select CABLE BOX CONTROL.
MENU
TIMER SET/CHECK
TUNER PRESET
SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS
▶CABLE BOX CONTROL
CLOCK SET
Select ON and press EXECUTE.
CABLE BOX CONTROL
•ON OFF
USE ←→ TO SELECT
PUSH EXECUTE FOR FIRST TIME SETUP
PUSH MENU TO QUIT
Enter your cable box code number and press EXECUTE.
YOUR CABLE BOX CODE NO.
ENTER YOUR CABLE BOX CODE NO.USING 0-9 KEYS REFER TO THE OPERATING MANUAL FOR THE CODE THEN PUSH EXECUTE
Select your cable box output channel and press EXECUTE.
YOUR CABLE BOX OUTPUT CH
CH2
•CH3
CH4
LINE [LINE IN ON VCR]
USE ↑↓ TO SELECT CABLE BOX CH. THEN PUSH EXECUTE

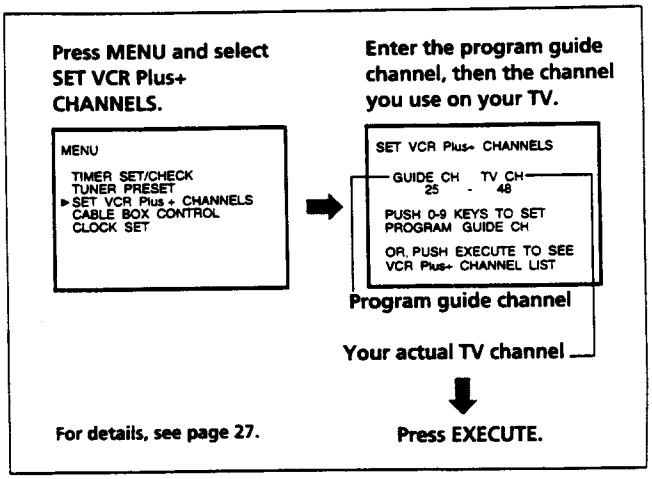
For details, see page 23.

If your cable box is not compatible, check with your cable company to see if they can provide a compatible cable box. If not, use Hookup 2 or 5 (if you have only a few scrambled channels) or Hookup 4 (if you have many scrambled channels).

Hookup 1: VCR Plus+ channel setup

1 Find the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing in your program guide. For details on the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing, see page **26**.

2 If the channels in the program guide are different from the channels that you actually use on your TV, set the channels that are different as follows:


Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.
MENU
TIMER SET/CHECK
TUNER PRESET
▶SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS
CABLE BOX CONTROL
CLOCK SET
Enter the program guide channel, then the channel you use on your TV.
SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS
GUIDE CH 25 TV CH 48
PUSH 0-9 KEYS TO SET PROGRAM GUIDE CH
OR, PUSH EXECUTE TO SEE VCR Plus+ CHANNEL LIST
Program guide channel
Your actual TV channel
Press EXECUTE.

For details, see page 27.

You are now ready to use your VCR

A Quick reference (back cover) to operations is provided on the back cover to help you quickly enjoy the basic functions. These procedures differ slightly depending on the hookup used. Make a note of which hookup you used (Hookup 1) so that you can always follow the correct instructions.

Hookup 2

No cable box or Incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels

Recommended use

Use this hookup if you do not have a cable box. Also use this hookup if your cable company cannot supply a cable box that is compatible with the VCR's cable box control feature, and your cable system scrambles only a few channels.

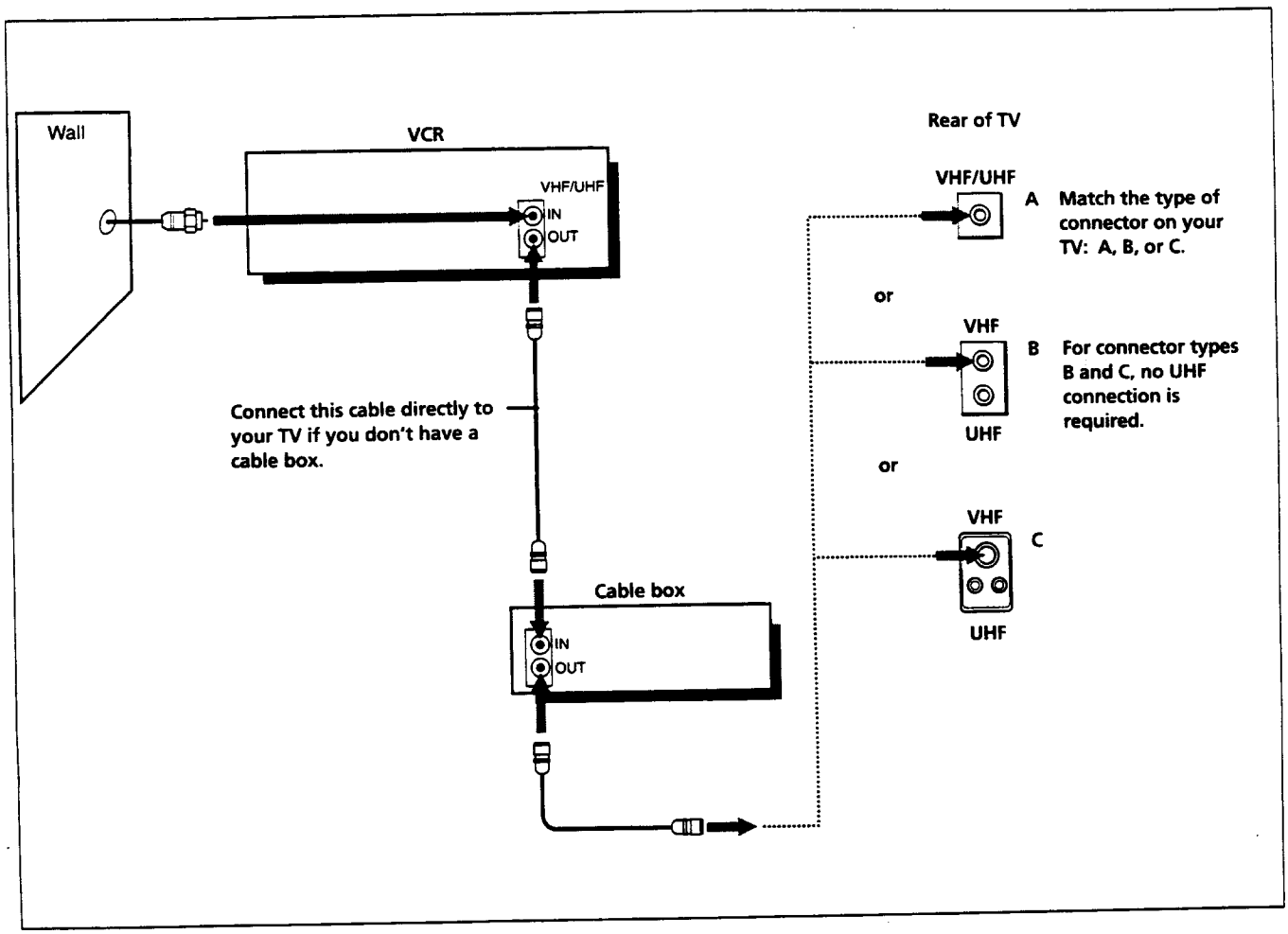
What you can and can't do with this hookup

What you can do

- Record any unscrambled channel by selecting the channel on the VCR

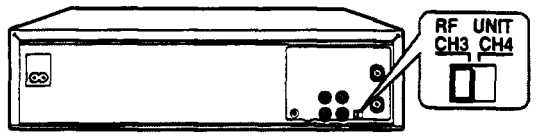
What you can't do

- Record scrambled channels that require a cable box



Hookup 2: VCR setup

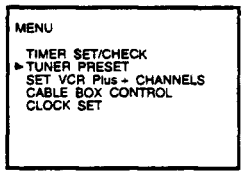
1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 (channel 3) or CH 4 (channel 4), whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.
If you made A/V connections (from page **7**), you can skip this step.



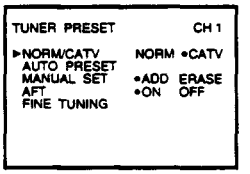
For details, see page 44.

2 Set NORM/CATV to CATV:

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



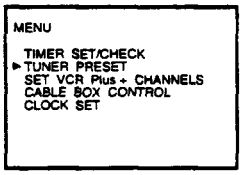
Set NORM/CATV to CATV and press EXECUTE.



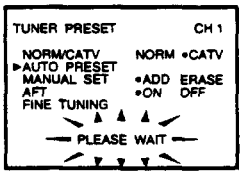
For details, see page 20.

3 Preset the channels into the VCR:

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



Select AUTO PRESET and press EXECUTE.



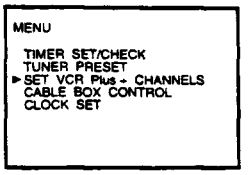
For details, see page 20.

Hookup 2: VCR Plus+ channel setup

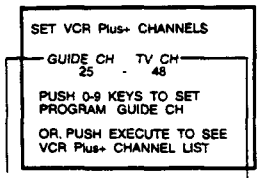
1 Find the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing in your program guide. For details on the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing, see page **26**.

2 If the channels in the program guide are different from the channels that you actually use on your TV, set the channels that are different as follows:

Press MENU and SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



Enter the program guide channel, then the channel you use on your TV.



Program guide channel

Your actual TV channel

Press EXECUTE.

For details, see page 27.

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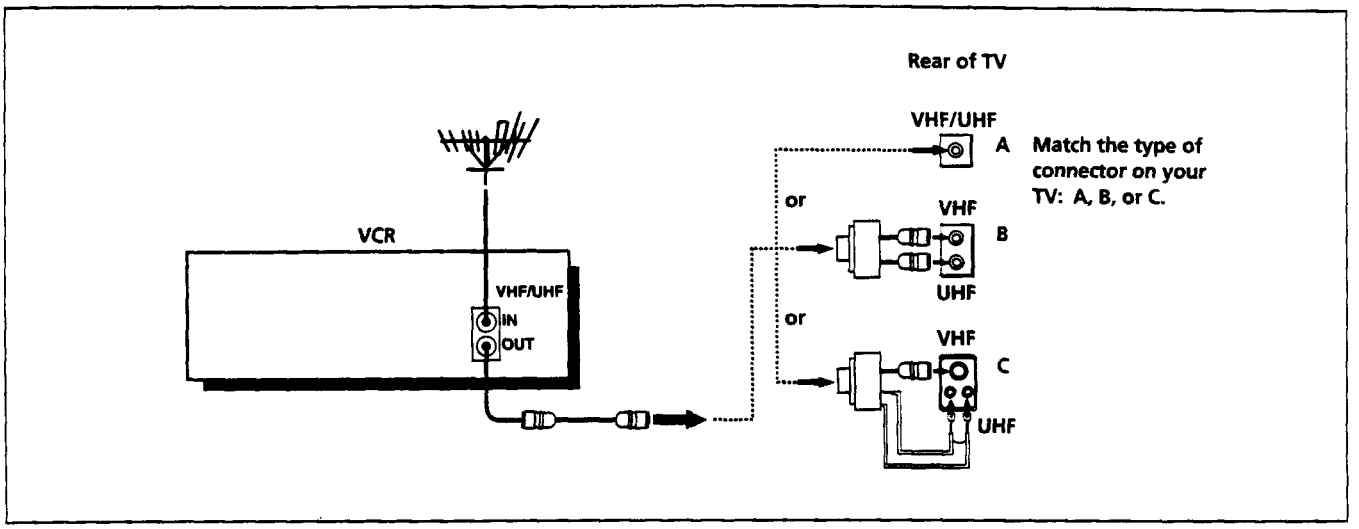
Hookup 3

Make the following connections if you're using an antenna (if you don't have cable TV).

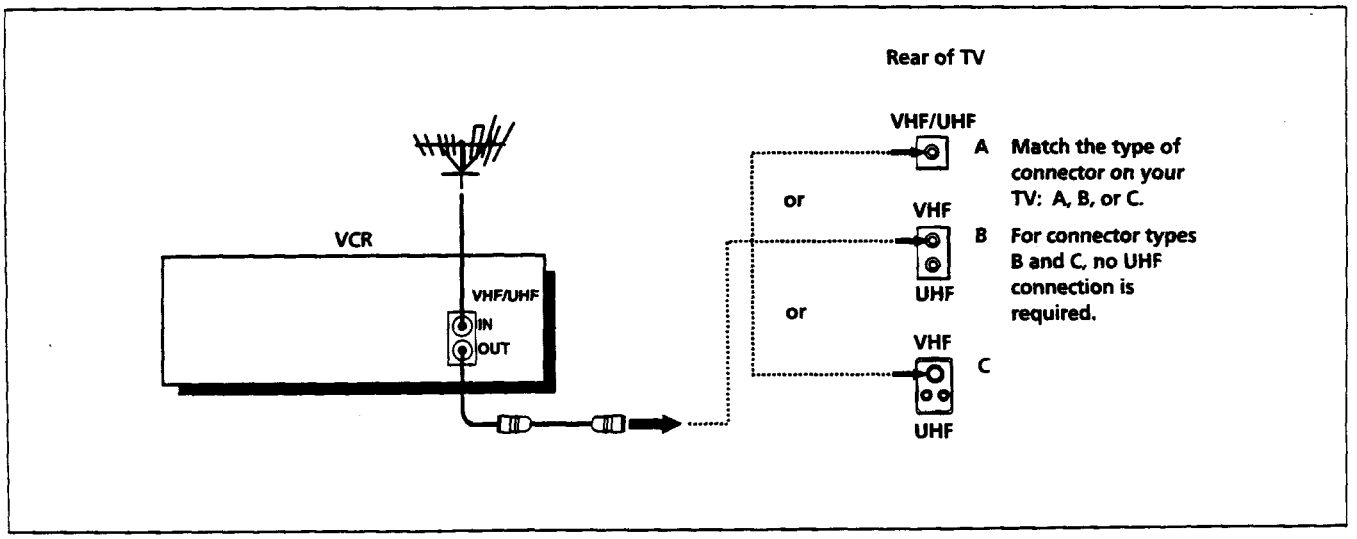
Antenna hookup

A Use this hookup if you're using:

- VHF/UHF antenna (you get channels 2-13 and channels 14 and higher)
- UHF-only antenna (you get channels 14 and higher)
- separate VHF and UHF antennas



B Use this hookup if you're using a VHF-only antenna (you get channels 2-13 only)

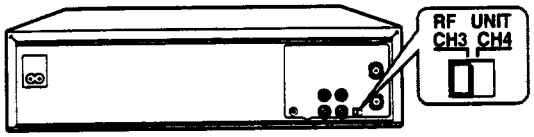


If you cannot connect your antenna cable to the VCR directly

If your antenna cable is a flat cable (300-ohm twin lead cable), attach an external antenna connector (not supplied) so that you can connect the cable to the VHF/UHF IN jack. If you have separate cables for VHF and UHF antennas, you may use a U/V band mixer (not supplied). For details, see page **44**.

Hookup 3: VCR setup

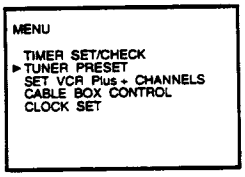
1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 (channel 3) or CH 4 (channel 4), whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.
If you made A/V connections (from page **7**), you can skip this step.



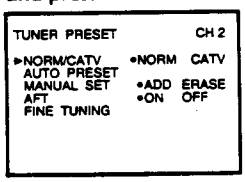
For details, see page 44.

2 Set NORM/CATV to NORM:

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



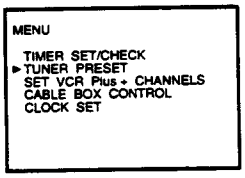
Set NORM/CATV to NORM and press EXECUTE.



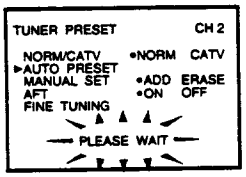
For details, see page 20.

3 Preset the channels into the VCR:

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



Select AUTO PRESET and press EXECUTE.



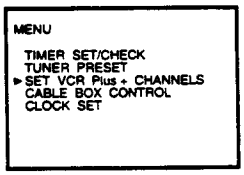
For details, see page 20.

Hookup 3: VCR Plus+ channel setup

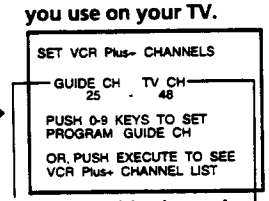
1 Find the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing in your program guide. For details on the VCR Plus+ Channel listing, see page **26**.

2 If the channels in the program guide are different from the channels that you actually use on your TV, set the channels that are different as follows:

Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



Enter the program guide channel, then the channel you use on your TV.



Program guide channel

Your actual TV channel

Press EXECUTE.

For details, see page 27.

You are now ready to use your VCR

A Quick reference (back cover) to operations is provided on the back cover to help you quickly enjoy the basic functions. These procedures differ slightly depending on the hookup used. Make a note of which hookup you used (Hookup 3) so that you can always follow the correct instructions.

Hookup 4

Incompatible cable box with many scrambled channels

Recommended use

Use this hookup if your cable company cannot supply a cable box that is compatible with the VCR's cable box control feature, and your cable system scrambles all, or most channels.

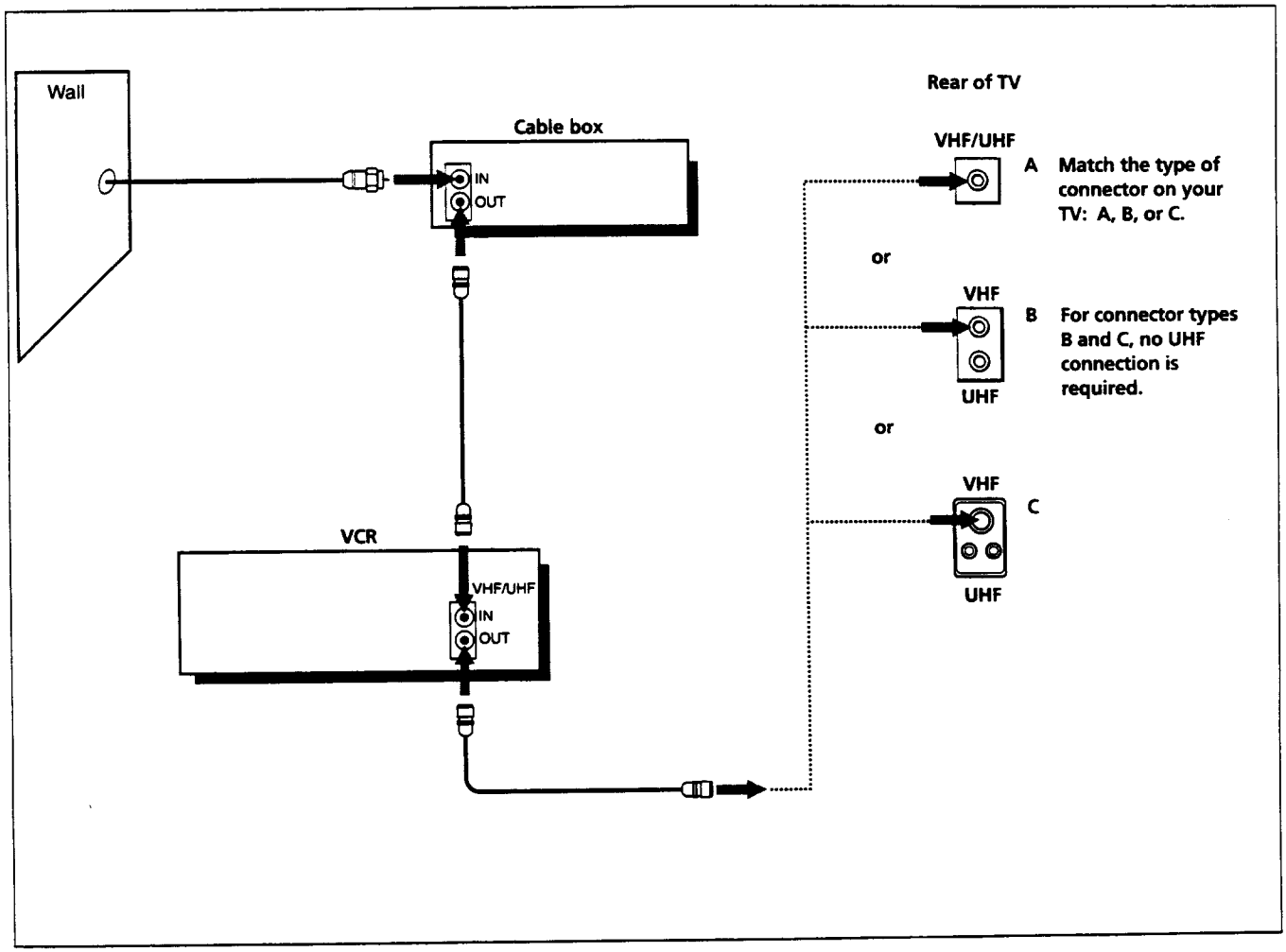
What you can and can't do with this hookup

What you can do

- Record any channel by selecting the channel on the cable box

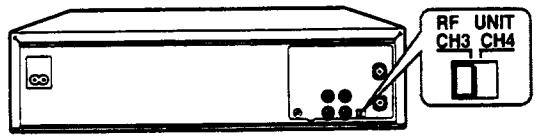
What you can't do

- Record with the cable box turned off
- Record one channel while watching another channel
- Record by selecting channels directly with the VCR



Hookup 4: VCR setup

1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 (channel 3) or CH 4 (channel 4), whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.
If you made A/V connections (from page **7**), you can skip this step.

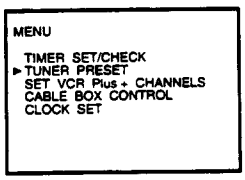


For details, see page 44.

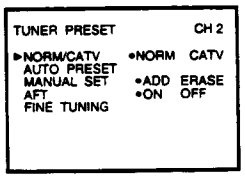
2 Turn on your cable box.

3 Set NORM/CATV to NORM:

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



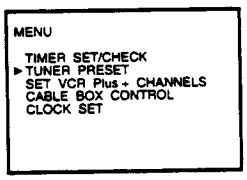
Set NORM/CATV to NORM and press EXECUTE.



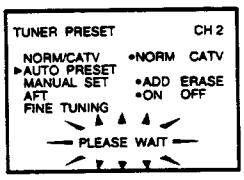
For details, see page 20.

4 Preset the channels into the VCR:

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



Press AUTO PRESET and press EXECUTE.



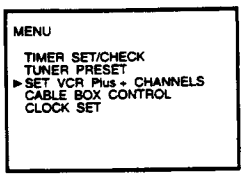
For details, see page 20.

Hookup 4: VCR Plus+ channel setup

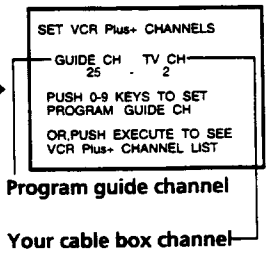
1 Find the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing in your program guide. For details on the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing, see page **26**.

2 Enter all the channels you want to record and the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4):

Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



Enter the program guide channel, then the cable box output channel.


SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS
GUIDE CH TV CH
25 2
PUSH 0-9 KEYS TO SET PROGRAM GUIDE CH
OR,PUSH EXECUTE TO SEE VCR Plus+ CHANNEL LIST
Program guide channel
Your cable box channel

For details, see page 27.

Press EXECUTE.

You are now ready to use your VCR

A Quick reference (back cover) to operations is provided on the back cover to help you quickly enjoy the basic functions. These procedures differ slightly depending on the hookup used. Make a note of which hookup you used (Hookup 4) so that you can always follow the correct instructions.

Hookup 5

Incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels, using an A/B switch

Recommended use

By using an A/B switch (not supplied), this hookup allows you to record both scrambled and unscrambled channels conveniently. With the A/B switch set to position "A," you can record unscrambled channels by selecting channels directly with the VCR. You only use position "B" and the cable box to record a scrambled channel.

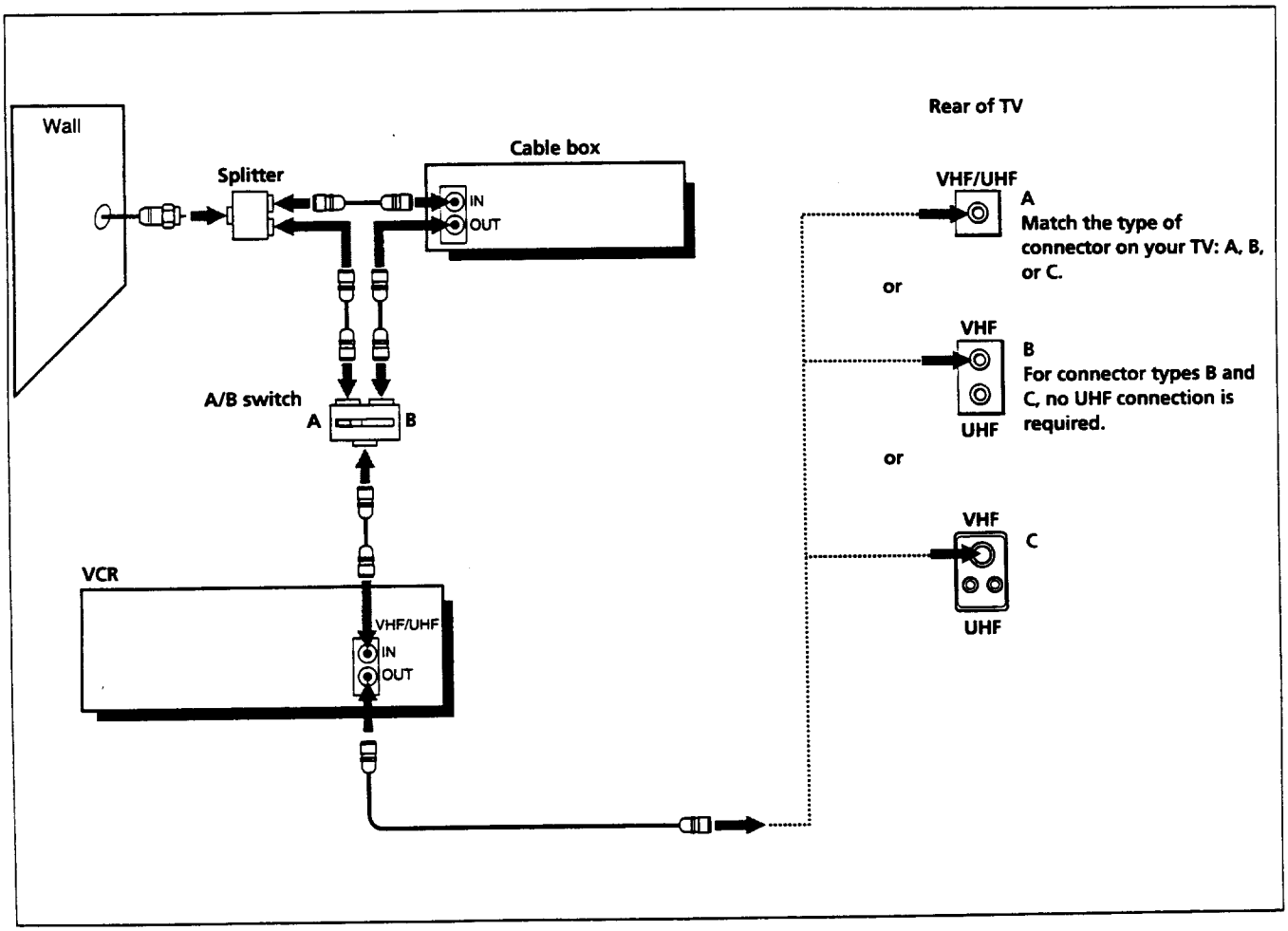
What you can and can't do with this hookup

What you can do

- Record any unscrambled channel by selecting the channel directly with your VCR (the A/B switch is set to "A")
- Record any scrambled channel by selecting the channel on the cable box (the A/B switch is set to "B")

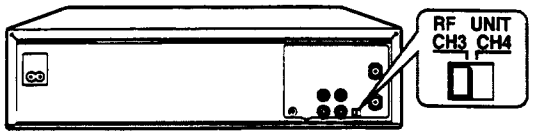
What you can't do

- Record one scrambled channel while watching another channel



Hookup 5: VCR setup

1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 (channel 3) or CH 4 (channel 4), whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.
If you made A/V connections (from page **7**), you can skip this step.

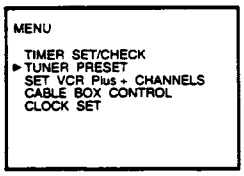


For details, see page 44.

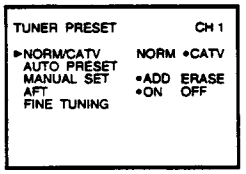
2 Set the A/B switch to "A."

3 Set NORM/CATV to CATV:

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



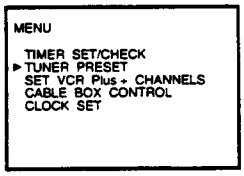
Set NORM/CATV to CATV and press EXECUTE.



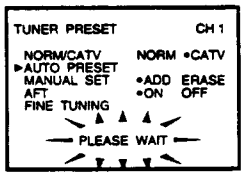
For details, see page 20.

4 Press the unscrambled channels into the VCR.

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



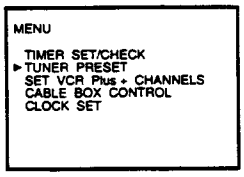
Select AUTO PRESET and press EXECUTE.



For details, see page 20.

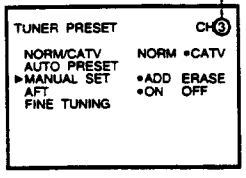
5 Preset the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4):

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.



Enter the cable box output channel.
Set MANUAL SET to ADD and press EXECUTE.

Channel to be preset



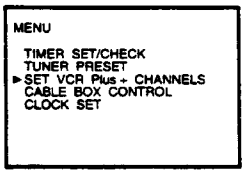
For details, see page 21.

Hookup 5: VCR Plus+ channel setup

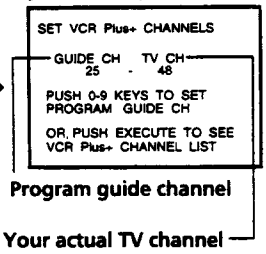
1 Find the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing in your program guide. For details on the VCR Plus+ Channel listing, see page **26**.

2 For unscrambled channels, if the channels in the program guide are different from the channels that you actually use on your TV, set the channels that are different as follows:

Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



Enter the program guide channel, then the channel you use on your TV.

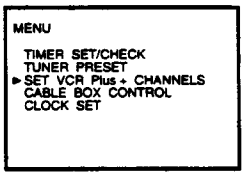

SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS
GUIDE CH 25 - TV CH 48
PUSH 0-9 KEYS TO SET PROGRAM GUIDE CH
OR, PUSH EXECUTE TO SEE VCR Plus+ CHANNEL LIST
Program guide channel
Your actual TV channel

For details, see page 27.

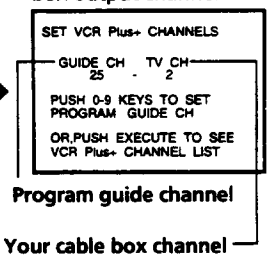
Press EXECUTE.

3 For scrambled channels, enter all the scrambled channels you want to record and the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4):

Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



Enter the Program guide channel, then the cable box output channel.


SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS
GUIDE CH 25 - TV CH 2
PUSH 0-9 KEYS TO SET PROGRAM GUIDE CH
OR,PUSH EXECUTE TO SEE VCR Plus+ CHANNEL LIST
Program guide channel
Your cable box channel

For details, see page 27.

Press EXECUTE.

(continued)

Hookup 5

Incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels, using an A/B switch (continued)

You are now ready to use your VCR

To play a tape

1 Set the TV to channel 3 or 4 (or to video input, if you made A/V connections.)
2 Insert a tape and press ▷ PLAY.
If there's no picture on your TV, press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator comes on in the display window.

To make a timer recording an unscrambled channel

1 Set the A/B switch to "A."
2 Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
3 Enter the program's PlusCode number.
4 Press ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY.
5 Insert a tape.
6 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

To make a timer recording a scrambled channel

1 Set the A/B switch to "B."
2 Turn on the cable box.
3 Set the cable box to the channel you want to record.
4 Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
5 Enter the program's PlusCode number.
6 Press ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY.
7 Insert a tape.
8 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.
Leave the cable box on.

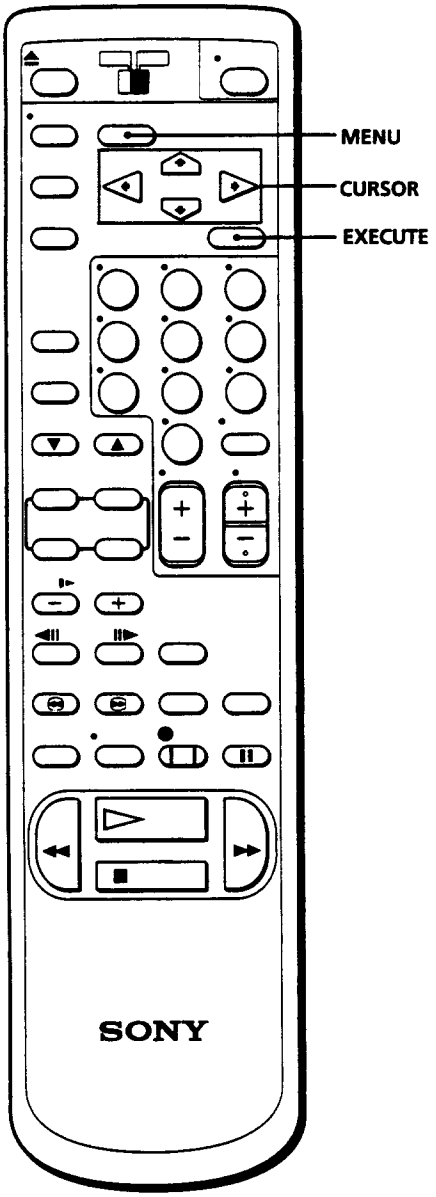
To watch TV for an unscrambled channel

1 Turn off your VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2 Set the A/B switch to "A."
3 Select the channel with the TV.

To watch TV for a scrambled channel

1 Turn off your VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2 Set the A/B switch to "B."
3 Turn on your cable box.
4 Set the TV to the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4).
5 Set the cable box to the channel you want to watch.

Step 4: Setting the clock

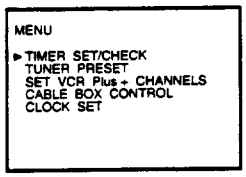


Note

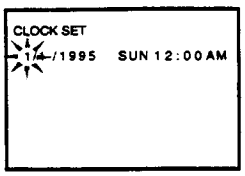
- The menu disappears automatically if you don't proceed for more than a few minutes.

Set the time and date to use the timer feature for recording programs.

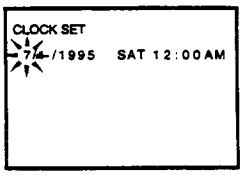
1 **Press MENU.**
The main MENU appears on the TV screen.



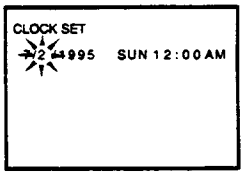
2 **Press the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons to move the cursor (▶) to CLOCK SET, then press EXECUTE.**
The CLOCK SET menu appears on the TV screen and the month flashes.



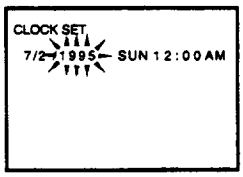
3 **Set the month using the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons.**



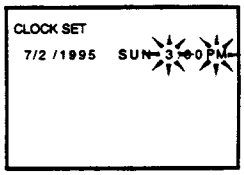
4 **Press CURSOR ▷ so that the day flashes and set the day using the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons.**
The day of the week is set automatically.



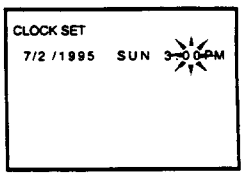
5 **Press CURSOR ▷ so that the year flashes and set the year using the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons.**



6 **Press CURSOR ▷ so that the hour flashes and set the hour using the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons.**



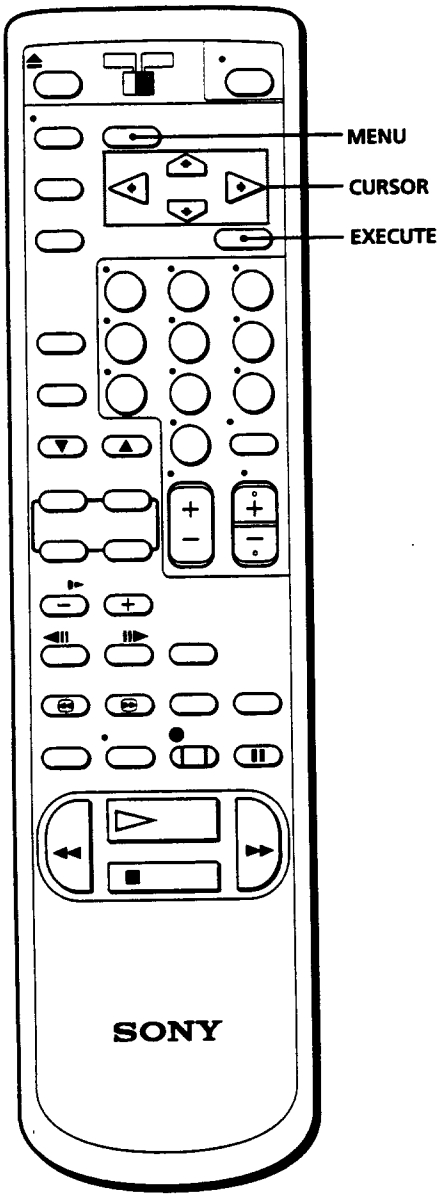
7 **Press CURSOR ▷ so that the minutes flash and set the minutes using the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons.**



8 **Press EXECUTE to start the clock.**

Presetting channels

(Skip this section if you are using cable box control.)



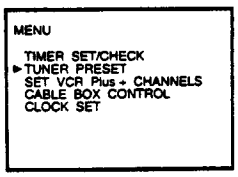
This VCR is capable of receiving VHF channels 2 to 13, UHF channels 14 to 69 and unscrambled CATV channels 1 to 125. First, we recommend that you preset the receivable channels in your area using automatic presetting. Then, if there are any unwanted channels, disable them manually. If you have decided which channels you wish to preset, set them directly using manual presetting.

Before you start...

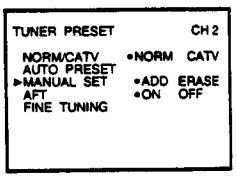
- Turn on the VCR and the TV.
- Set the TV to the channel for the VCR (the channel set by the RF UNIT switch, channel 3 or 4). If your TV is connected to the VCR using A/V connections, set the TV to video input.
- Press TV/VTR to display the VTR indicator in the VCR's display window.
- Press INPUT SELECT so that a channel number appears in the VCR's display window.

Presetting all receivable channels automatically

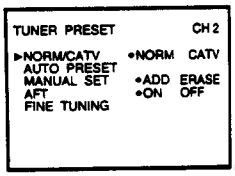
1 **Press MENU.**
The main MENU appears on the TV screen.



2 **Press the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons to move the cursor (▶) to TUNER PRESET, then press EXECUTE.**
The TUNER PRESET menu appears on the TV screen.



3 **Press the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons to move the cursor (▶) to NORM/CATV.**

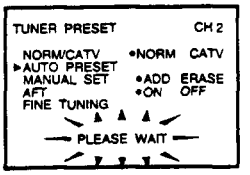


4 **Select NORM or CATV using the CURSOR (◁ / ▷) buttons:**

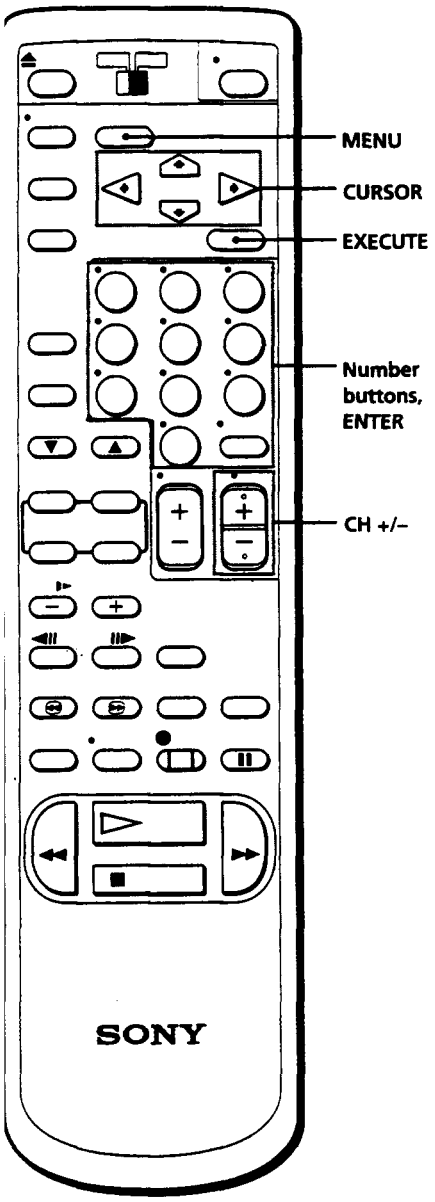
- To preset cable TV channels, select CATV.
- To preset VHF and UHF channels, select NORM.

5 **Press the CURSOR (/) buttons to move the cursor (▶) to AUTO PRESET, then press EXECUTE.**

All receivable channels are preset in numerical sequence. When no more receivable channels can be found, presetting stops and the picture from the lowest numbered channel is displayed on the TV screen.

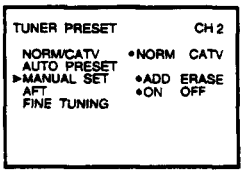


Presetting/disabling channels manually



1 **Display the TUNER PRESET menu.**

For instructions, follow steps 1 and 2 in "Presetting all receivable channels automatically"on page **20**.

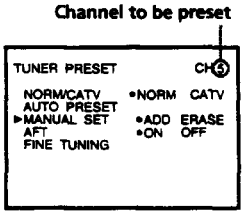


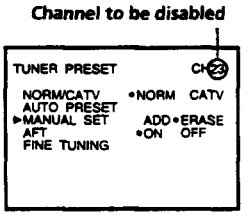
2 **To preset a channel that you want:**

1 Press the number buttons to select the channel you want to preset and press ENTER.
2 Set MANUAL SET to ADD using the CURSOR (/ / /) buttons.

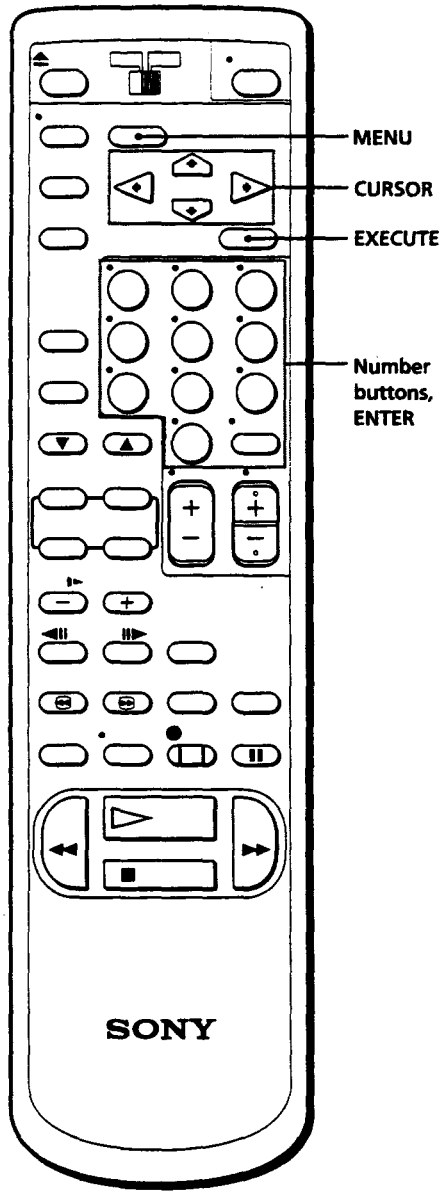
To disable an unwanted channel:

1 Press CH+/– to select the channel you want to disable.
2 Set MANUAL SET to ERASE using the CURSOR (/ / /) buttons.





3 **Repeat steps 2 and 3 to preset or disable channels as required, then press EXECUTE.**



Cable TV channel assignment

Cable TV systems use letters or numerals to designate channels. This VCR is designed to correspond with standard cable systems. The chart below shows the channel numbers on this VCR and the corresponding cable TV channels. Note that the channel number assignment shown in the chart may not correspond to the channel number used by your local cable company. Check with your local cable TV company for more information on the available channels.

Number on this VCR	*1*	*2*	*3*	...	*12*	*13*	*14*	*15*	*16*	*17*
Cable TV channel	A-8	2	3	...	12	13	A	B	C	D

18	*19*	*20*	*21*	*22*	*23*	*24*	*25*	*26*	*27*	*28*	*29*	*30*	*31*
E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R

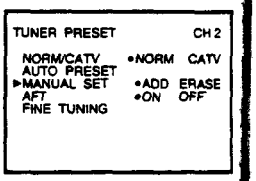
32	*33*	*34*	*35*	*36*	*37*	*38*	...	*93*	*94*	*95*	*96*	*97*	*98*
S	T	U	V	W	W+1	W+2	...	W+57	W+58	A-5	A-4	A-3	A-2

99	*100*	*101*	...	*124*	*125*
A-1	W+59	W+60	...	W+83	W+84

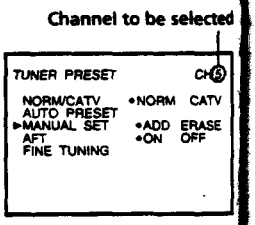
If the picture is not clear

Normally, the Auto Fine Tuning (AFT) function automatically tunes in channels clearly. If, however, the picture of a channel is not clear, you may also use the manual tuning function.

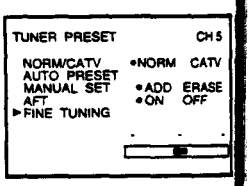
1 **Display the TUNER PRESET menu.**
For instructions, follow steps 1 and 2 in "Presetting all receivable channels automatically" on page **20**.



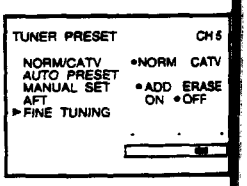
2 **Select the channel you want to fine-tune by pressing the number buttons and then ENTER.**



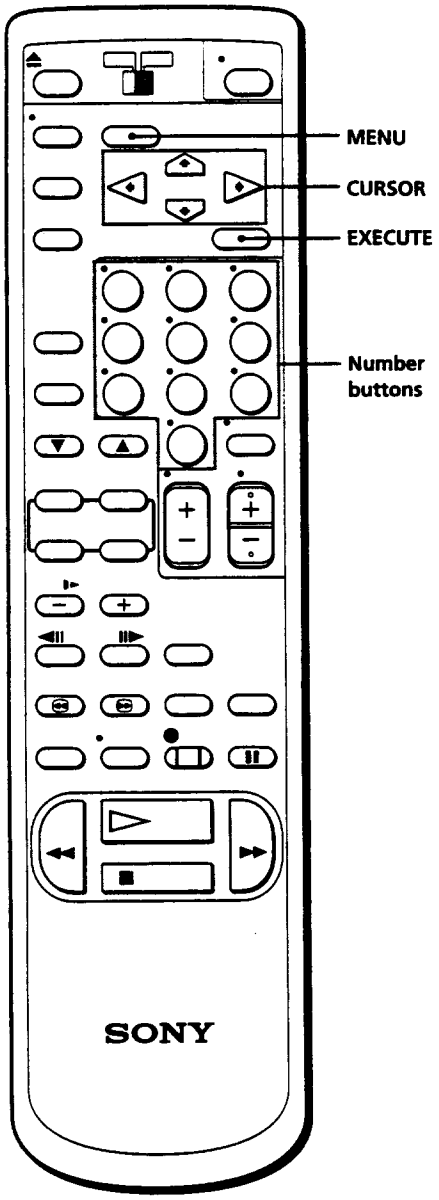
3 **Press the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons to move the cursor (▶) to FINE TUNING.**
The fine tuning meter appears.



4 **Press the CURSOR (◁/▷) buttons to get a clearer picture, then press EXECUTE.**
Note that the AFT setting switches to OFF.



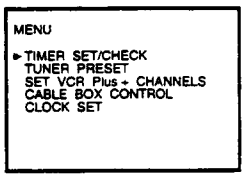
Setting up cable box control



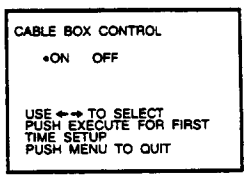
Your VCR includes a cable box control feature which allows the VCR to control most brands of cable boxes via the Cable Mouse. With cable box control, the VCR controls channels on the cable box for timer recording. You can also use the VCR's remote commander to change channels on the cable box whenever the cable box is turned on even if the VCR is turned off. To use cable box control, you need to connect the Cable Mouse (page **8**) and set the code number and output channel.

This VCR is programmed with codes necessary to control channel selection on most brands of cable boxes at the time this VCR was manufactured. It is possible that new cable boxes may be introduced that cannot be controlled with this VCR's Cable Mouse. If you have a cable box that is incompatible with this VCR, contact your cable operator — they may be able to provide you with a compatible cable box.

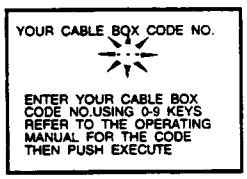
1 **Press MENU.**
The main MENU appears on the TV screen.



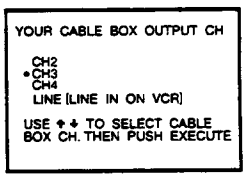
2 **Press the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons to move the cursor (►) to CABLE BOX CONTROL, then press EXECUTE.**
The CABLE BOX CONTROL menu appears.



3 **Press the CURSOR (◁ / ▷) buttons to select ON, then press EXECUTE.**


YOUR CABLE BOX CODE NO.
ENTER YOUR CABLE BOX CODE NO.USING 0-9 KEYS
REFER TO THE OPERATING MANUAL FOR THE CODE
THEN PUSH EXECUTE

4 **Enter the cable box code number by pressing the number buttons, then press EXECUTE.**
Find your cable box code number from the chart on the following page.



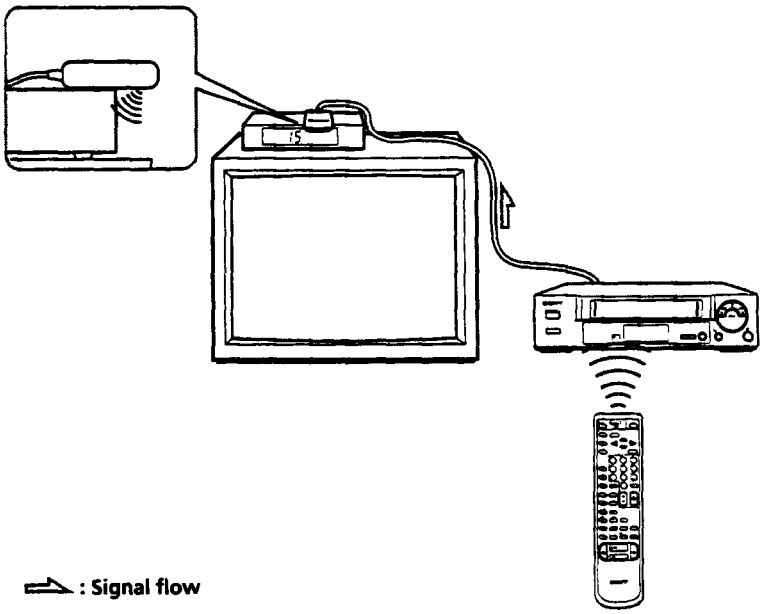
5 **Select the output channel for cable box using the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons, then press EXECUTE.**

Setting up cable box control (continued)

Cable box brand and the corresponding cable box code numbers
If more than one code number is listed, try entering them one by one, until you come to the correct code for your equipment.

Cable box brand	Code numbers
ABC	018, 022, 024, 028, 217
Antronix	218
Archer	033, 050, 164, 218
BBT	278
Cable Star	067
Cabletenna	033
Cabletime	172, 282, 388, 459
Century	164
Citizen	164, 326, 327
Clyde Cablevision	097
Colour Voice	036, 042
Comband	243, 244
Comtronics	051, 071
Decsat	434
Diamond	046
Eagle Comtronics	051
Eastern	013, 285
Electricord	089
Electus	055
Filmnet	454
Garrard	164
GC Electronics	027, 067, 341
GE	243, 244
GEC	097
Gemini	026, 068, 081, 253
General Instrument	022, 287
Hamlin	020, 031, 045, 270, 284
Hitachi	022
Jasco	164, 326
Jerroid	014, 022, 025, 026, 035, 037, 058, 109, 287
Linsay	451
Macom	044
Magnavox	038, 043, 080, 345
Memorex	011
Movie Time	089, 167, 214
Northcoast	325
NSC	074, 081, 167, 214
Oak	018, 030, 259
Omniview	382
Panasonic	032, 118
Paragon	011
Philips	036, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 071, 301
Philips ECG	253
Pioneer	034, 155, 271
Popular Mechanics	411
Pulsar	011
RCA	032
Realistic	218
Regal	031, 270, 284, 290
Regency	013
Rembrandt	081
RK	315, 317
Samsung	051, 155
Satbox	386
Scientific Atlanta	017, 019, 028, 288, 338
Sharp	324
Signal	051
Signature	022
SL Marx	051
Spectravision	069
Sprucer	032, 318
Standard Components	107, 166
Starcom	014, 026, 058, 109
Stargate	026, 051
STS	167
Sylvania	012
T-Cable Teletext	116
Tandy	269
Tatung	108
Teknica	157
Telecaption	232
Teleservice	292
Texscan	012, 107
TFC	321
Timeless	429
Tocom	023, 024, 070
Toshiba	011
Tudi	297
TV86	074
TV COM	018, 030, 259
Uniden	236
Unika	033, 164, 218
United Artists	018
United Cable	014
Universal	033, 050, 067, 088, 089, 164, 202, 218, 333
Videoway	261
Vidtech	255
Viewstar	038, 071, 074, 122, 222, 269, 300
Westminster cable	116
Zenith	011, 065

Tips for normal viewing



- Place the Cable Mouse so that it hangs out over the cable box front.
- Position the cable box away from the VCR.
- Do not place the cable box on top of the VCR.
- Point the remote commander at the VCR, not at the cable box.

To check the cable box control setting

1 Press CH+/– on the remote commander. Does the channel indicator on the cable box change? (Point the remote commander at the VCR, not at the cable box.)
2 Press all 10 number buttons (0 to 9) on the remote commander. Does the channel indicator on the cable box change?

If the answer to both 1 and 2 is "yes," you have made the correct setting.

If you cannot get your VCR to control the cable box

✓ Check that the Cable Mouse is connected to the CABLE BOX CONTROL jack on the VCR.

✓ Check the position of the Cable Mouse.

✓ Place the cable box and VCR away from each other. Do not place the cable box on top of the VCR.

✓ Try the setup again making sure to use the correct control code. If the cable box still does not respond you can try other codes.

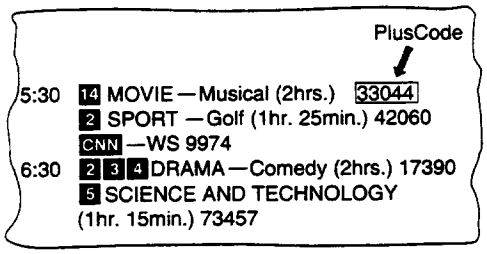
If your cable box still does not operate with the Cable Mouse, contact your cable company to see if they can provide you with a compatible cable box.

Note

- Make sure the VCR is turned off when plugging in or unplugging the Cable Mouse.
  When using the Cable Mouse again, turn the VCR's power back on again only after the Cable Mouse has been plugged in.

Setting up VCR Plus+

Example of "PlusCode"


PlusCode
5:30 14 MOVIE—Musical (2hrs.) 33044
2 SPORT —Golf (1hr. 25min.) 42060
CNN —WS 9974
6:30 2 3 4 DRAMA—Comedy (2hrs.) 17390
5 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(1hr. 15min.) 73457

Example of "Channel Line-up Chart"

CABLE TV	Guide channel number
A&E Arts & Entertainment Network	39
AMC American Movie Classics	35
BRV Bravo (program grid only)	54
CNN Cable News Network	42
CSP C-SPAN	28
DIS The Disney Channel	53
DSC The Discovery Channel	37
ESN ESPN	34
FAM The Family Channel	47
HBO Home Box Office	33
LIF Lifetime	46
MAX Cinemax	45
MSG Madison Square Gardens Network	19
MTV Music Television	48
NIK Nickelodeon	38
SC Sports Channel	59
SCA Sports Channel America	70
SHO Showtime	41
TBS TBS SuperStation	43
TMC The Movie Channel	58
TNN The Nashville Network	49
TNT Turner Network Television	52
USA USA Network	44

SAMPLE ONLY

VCR Plus+ is a feature in Sony VCRs that simplifies the task of programming the VCR to make timer recordings.

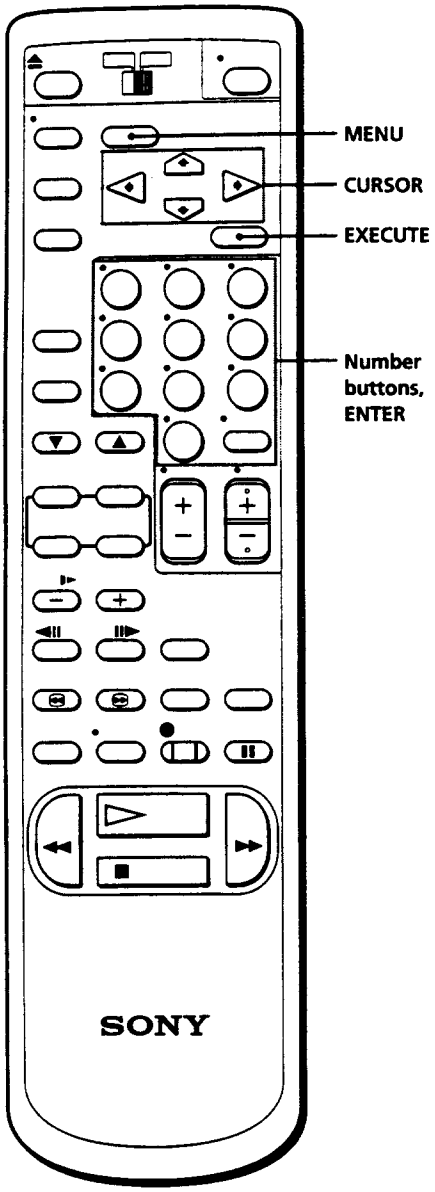
How VCR Plus+ works

Whenever you want to record a TV program, all you need to do is look up the program's "PlusCode," a number assigned to each program that's published in the TV section of most newspapers, cable TV listings, and even *TV GUIDE* magazine. Then, just enter the PlusCode of the program you want and the VCR is automatically programmed to record that show. It's that simple. With VCR Plus+, you no longer have to go through a lengthy and often repetitive procedure when you set start and stop times, channel numbers, and dates. All this information is automatically sent to your VCR when you enter the program's PlusCode.

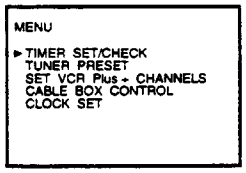
How to set up your VCR

Setting up your VCR involves coordinating the TV channel number (the number you turn to on your TV or VCR to watch a program) with the guide channel (the number that's assigned to that channel in your program guide). To get the guide channel numbers, find the "Channel Line-up Chart" in the program guide for your area that features VCR PlusCodes. It usually looks like the example to the left.

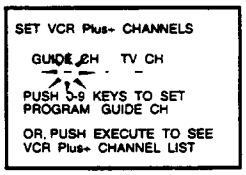
For each channel your VCR receives, use the Channel Line-up Chart to check that the channel numbers match. For example, if HBO is listed in the Channel Line-up Chart on channel 33, and your VCR receives HBO on channel 15, you need to coordinate these numbers using the following procedure. For channels in which the numbers are the same (for example, if your VCR receives HBO on channel 33, and the guide channel number is 33), you can skip this procedure.



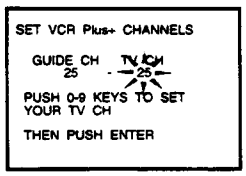
1 **Press MENU.**
The main MENU appears on the TV screen.



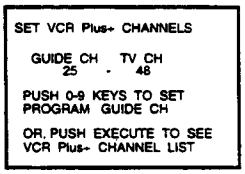
2 **Press the CURSOR (△/▽) buttons to move the cursor (▶) to SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS, then press EXECUTE.**
The SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS menu appears and the GUIDE CH column flashes.



3 **Enter the channel number assigned in the program guide and press ENTER.**
The TV CH column flashes.

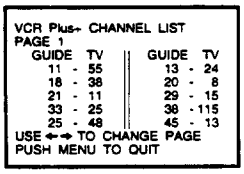


4
- **If you made Hookup 1, 2, or 3, enter the actual number on your TV (and VCR) and press ENTER.**
- **If you made Hookup 4, enter the cable output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4) and press ENTER.**
- **If you made Hookup 5, enter the actual number on your TV (and VCR) for an unscrambled channel and press ENTER. For a scrambled channel, enter the cable output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4) and press ENTER.**



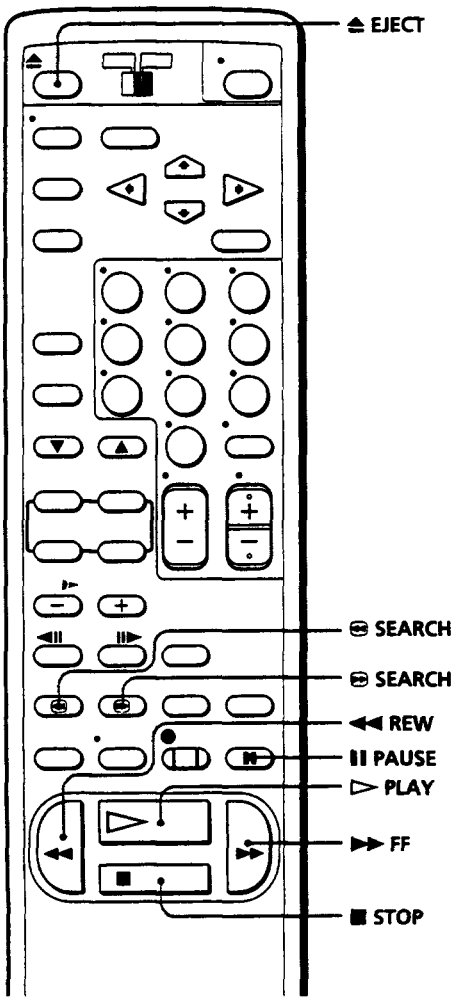
5 **Repeat steps 3 and 4 for each channel whose numbers don't match.**

6 **When you have set all channels, press EXECUTE to confirm your channel settings.**



7 **When you've finished, press MENU to exit.**

Playing a tape



This section shows you how to play back a video tape.

1 **Turn on your TV and tune in to the VCR:**

- If the TV is connected to the VCR using the audio/video cable, set the TV to video input.
- If the TV is connected to the VCR using only the antenna cable, set the TV to the channel for the VCR.

2 **Insert a tape.**

The VCR turns on automatically. The tape starts playing automatically if its safety tab has been removed.

3 **Press ▷ PLAY to start playing.**

When the tape reaches the end, the VCR automatically rewinds it to the beginning. (The power remains on.)

Additional tasks

To	Press
Stop play	■ STOP
Pause play	II PAUSE
Resume play after pause	II PAUSE or ▷ PLAY
Search forward	▶▶ FF or SEARCH during playback
Search backward	◀◀ REW or SEARCH during playback
Fast-forward the tape	▶▶ FF during stop
Rewind the tape	◀◀ REW during stop
Eject the tape	⏏ EJECT

Tip

- For further information on searching and playback functions, see "Playing/ searching at various speeds" on page **40**.

Note

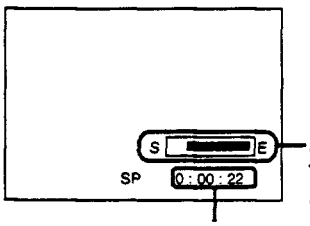
- Tapes recorded in LP mode can be played back on this VCR, while playback in modes other than normal forward speed is not guaranteed.

Notes

- When you insert a tape with a short tape length such as T-20, T-30 or a non-standard commercially available tape, the remaining tape length may not be correct.
- The display will not appear during still mode or slow-motion playback.

Displaying the remaining tape length and time counter

Press DISPLAY to turn the display on or off.



Remaining tape length
The white bar represents the approximate length of tape remaining.

Time counter

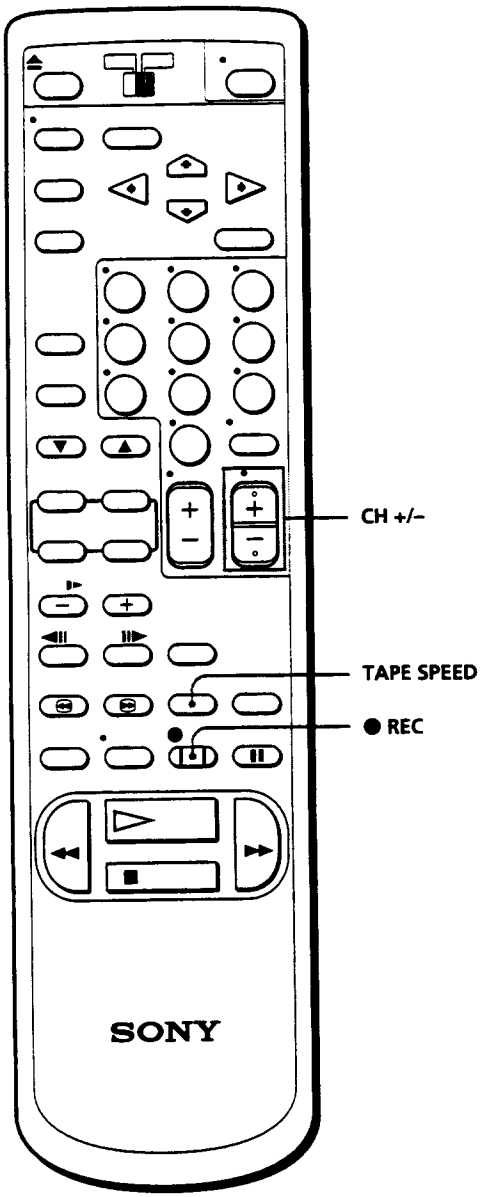
Notes

- When a tape is reinserted, the counter returns to "0H00M00S."
- The counter will not work on tape portions with no recording.

Using the time counter

At the point on a tape that you want to find later, press COUNTER RESET to reset the counter to "0H00M00S." When you rewind or advance the tape to this point, refer to the counter.

Recording TV programs



This section shows you how to record TV programs in the most basic way: manual recording. With manual recording, you start the VCR recording when the program begins, then stop it when the program ends. The VCR also provides the following ways of recording.

- Manually start recording, then stop it automatically—"Recording using the quick timer" (page **31**)
- Automatically start and stop recording—"Recording TV programs using the timer" (page **33**)
- Automatically start and stop recording just by entering the "Plus Code"—"Recording TV programs using VCR Plus+" (page **36**)

1 **Turn on your TV and tune in to the VCR:**

- If the TV is connected to the VCR using the audio/video cable, set the TV to video input.
- If the TV is connected to the VCR using only the antenna cable, set the TV to the channel for the VCR.

When using a cable box, turn it on.

2 **Insert a tape with its safety tab in place.**

3 **Press CH +/– until a desired channel number appears in the VCR's display window.**

4 **Select the tape speed, SP or EP, by pressing TAPE SPEED.**
See "To select tape speeds" on the next page.

5 **Start recording by pressing ● REC .**
When the tape reaches the end, the VCR automatically rewinds it to the beginning.

To stop recording
Press ■ STOP.

Tips

- To select channels, you can also use the number buttons on the remote commander. Enter the desired channel number using the number buttons, then press ENTER.
- If you don't want to watch TV while recording, you can turn off the TV. When using a cable box, make sure to leave it on.

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Tips (continued)

- You can select a video source from the LINE IN jacks using CH +/– or INPUT SELECT. When you use CH +/–, "L" in the display window appears between the lowest program position and the highest one.

Notes

- If you've inserted a tape with its safety tab removed, the VCR ejects it when you press ● REC.
- If you insert a tape with its safety tab removed, the VCR starts playing. To record on this tape, cover the tab hole.
- The display appears on the TV screen indicating information about the tape, but the information will not be recorded on the tape.

To select tape speeds

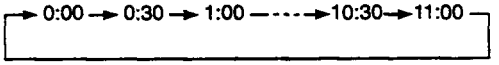
When recording, select either SP or EP. EP provides recording time three times as long as SP. However, SP provides better picture quality. You can mix SP and EP on the same tape. When playing back, the VCR automatically detects the tape speed. See the table below for the maximum recording/playback time in each speed.

Tape type	Maximum recording/playback time	
	SP	EP
T-210	3 hrs. 30 min.	10 hrs. 30 min.
T-160	2 hrs. 40 min.	8 hrs.
T-120	2 hrs.	6 hrs.
T-60	1 hr.	3 hrs.
T-30	30 min.	1 hr. 30 min.

Recording using the quick timer

The quick timer enables you to record for a specified period of time in intervals of 30 minutes. Once you specify the recording time, the VCR automatically stops recording. Before you begin, check that the clock is set correctly.

Press QUICK TIMER until the desired duration appears in the display window. The TIMER indicator on the VCR lights up. Each press increases the recording duration in increments of 30 minutes as shown below.



The recording duration decreases minute by minute to 0:00, then the VCR turns off automatically.

To stop recording

Press ■ STOP.

To extend the recording duration while recording

Press QUICK TIMER until the desired duration appears in the display window.

Watching a TV program while recording another

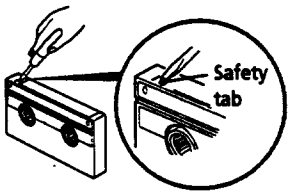
You can watch a TV program and record another at the same time.

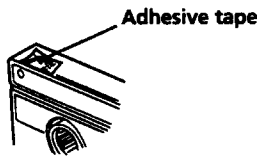
1 Press TV/VTR to turn off the VTR indicator in the display window.
2 If the TV is connected to the VCR using the audio/video cable, set the TV to TV input.
If the TV is connected to the VCR using only the antenna cable, skip this step.
3 Select the desired channel on the TV.

Saving a recording

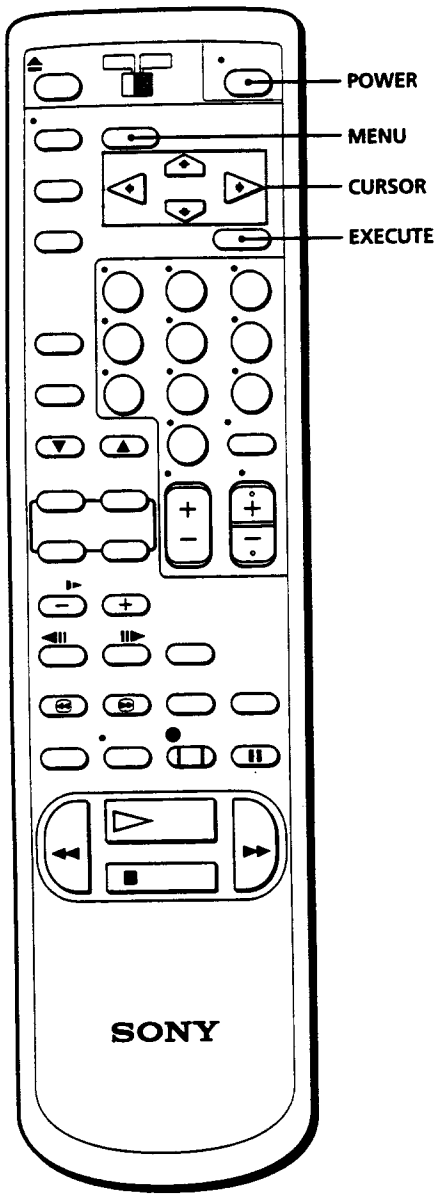
Video tapes have a safety tab to protect against accidental recording. To prevent accidental erasure of a recording, break off the safety tab with a screwdriver or other tool. A tape with its safety tab removed ejects if you try to record on it.

To record on a tape with its safety tab removed, cover the tab hole with adhesive tape.





Recording TV programs using the timer



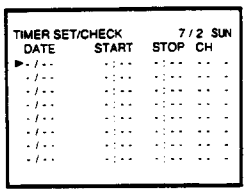
This section shows you how to let the VCR automatically start and stop recording TV programs. You can preset up to eight programs within a one month time frame. If VCR Plus+ is available in your area, see the section "Recording TV programs using VCR Plus+" on page **36** for easier timer recording.

Before you start...

- Check that the clock is set correctly.
- Insert a tape with its safety tab in place. Make sure the tape is longer than the total recording time.
- Turn on your TV and tune in to the VCR. When using a cable box, turn it on.

1 **Press MENU and select TIMER SET/ CHECK.**

If the clock needs to be set,"PLEASE SET THE CLOCK" appears on the screen and the VCR automatically enters the clock setting mode.

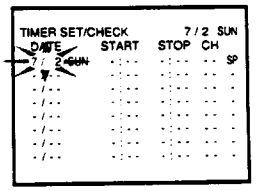


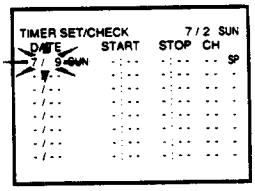
2 **Set the date to start recording:**

1 Press CURSOR ▷.
Make sure today's date is flashing. If it isn't, reset the clock to the correct time.

2 Press CURSOR △ to set the month and date.
The day of the week is set automatically.

To record the same program every day or the same day once a week, see "Daily/ weekly recording" on page **35**.

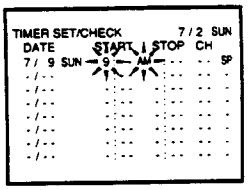


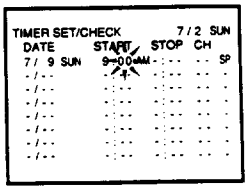


3 **Set the time to start recording:**

1 Press CURSOR ▷ to flash the hour under "START," then press the CURSOR (△ / ▽) buttons to set the hour.

2 Press CURSOR ▷ to flash the minutes under "START," then press the CURSOR (△ / ▽) buttons to set the minutes.





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Recording TV programs using the timer (continued)

Tips

- To set the channel, you can also use the CH+/– or number buttons.
- To record a video source from the LINE IN jacks, keep pressing CURSOR ⌃/⌄, or press INPUT SELECT to display "LINE" in the "CH" position.
- When CABLE BOX CONTROL is set to "ON," timer recording cannot be done through LINE IN.

Tip

- To set the recording tape speed, you can also use TAPE SPEED.

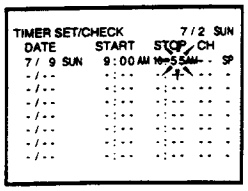
Tip

- To change or correct a setting before confirming it, press CURSOR ◁ to flash the item you want to change and reset it.

Notes

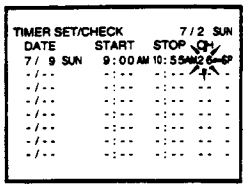
- If the power is interrupted for more than three hours while standing by for recording, timer settings are cleared. Reset the settings from beginning.
- If the 📼 tape indicator and the TIMER indicator in the VCR's display window flash when the VCR turns off, check for one of the following causes:
  - no cassette has been inserted,
  - the tape is at its end, or
  - the safety tab on the cassette has been removed.

4 **Press CURSOR ▷, then set the time to stop recording in the same way.**



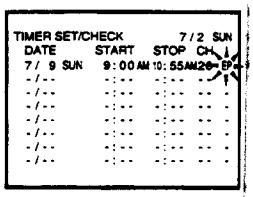
5 **Press CURSOR ▷, then press the CURSOR (⌃/⌄) buttons to select the channel you want to record.**

Only the channels preset in the VCR will appear. When using a cable box, the cable box channels appear.



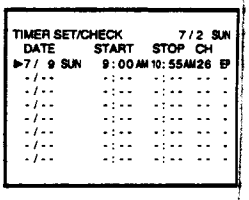
6 **Press CURSOR ▷, then press the CURSOR (⌃/⌄) buttons to select the tape speed, SP or EP.**

See "To select tape speeds" on page **31**.



7 **To confirm your program, press CURSOR ▷.**

All the settings stop flashing and the cursor (▶) appears in the leftmost column. To preset another timer setting, move the cursor to the next line using CURSOR ⌄ and repeat steps **2** to **7**.



8 **After making the desired timer settings, press EXECUTE, then Press POWER.**

The TIMER indicator on the VCR lights up and the VCR turns off and stands by for recording. When using a cable box, leave it on.

The VCR automatically turns on and starts recording at the preset start time, and turns off at the preset stop time.

To stop recording

To stop while the VCR is recording a program, press ■ STOP.

To use the VCR while recording

You can do the following tasks during timer recording.

To	Press
Reset the counter to "0H00M00S"	COUNTER RESET
Display tape information on the TV screen	DISPLAY
Check the timer settings	MENU and select TIMER SET/CHECK
Watch another TV program	TV/VTR (See "Watching a TV program while recording another" on page **32**.)

Using the VCR before timer recording begins

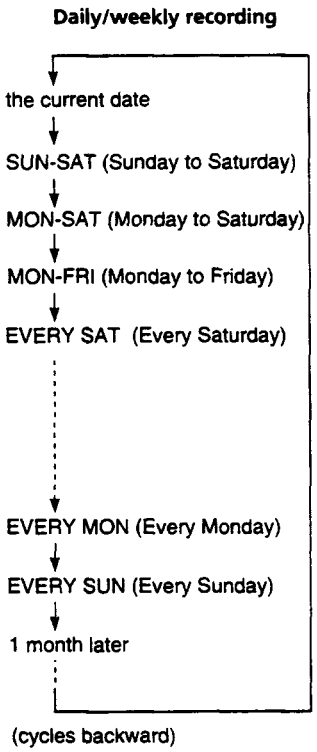
Press POWER to turn on the VCR. The TIMER indicator on the VCR goes off and the VCR is ready for use.

After using the VCR, press POWER again to turn on the TIMER indicator on the VCR. When using a cable box, leave it on. Remember to turn off the VCR before the time you've set the VCR to start recording, or the timer setting will be cancelled.

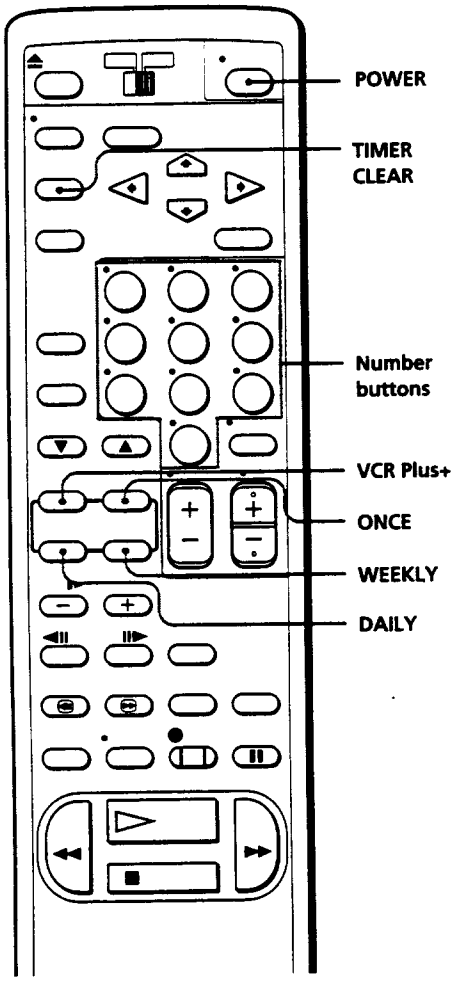
Daily/weekly recording

Daily recording records the same program every day of the week; weekly recording records the same program on the same day, every week.

When you set the date to start recording in step **2** of "Recording TV programs using the timer," press CURSOR ⮌ until the desired day appears. Each time you press the button, the indication changes as shown on the left.



Recording TV programs using VCR Plus+



Notes

- You cannot set VCR Plus+ in the following cases:
  - When the VCR is turned off.
  - While recording using the timer or quick timer.
- The timer will not accept settings in the following cases:
  - When you select DAILY for a Saturday and Sunday program.
  - When you select DAILY or WEEKLY for a program more than seven days ahead.
  - When you enter the PlusCode of a program that has already ended.

This section shows you another way of timer recording: recording using VCR Plus+. This allows you to record TV programs more easily. Just enter the program's "PlusCode," and the VCR will automatically record the program. You can preset up to eight programs within a one month time frame.

Before you start...

- Check that the clock is set correctly.
- Insert a tape with its safety tab in place. Make sure the tape is longer than the total recording time.
- Turn on your TV and tune in to the VCR. When using a cable box, turn it on.

1 **Press VCR Plus+.**

If the clock needs to be set, "PLEASE SET THE CLOCK" appears on the screen and the VCR automatically enters the clock setting mode.

```
VCR Plus+

  PLUSCODE      TAPE SPEED
 [--------]        [SP]
ENTER PROGRAM'S PLUSCODE
USING 0-9 KEYS

TO CHANGE TAPE SPEED,
PUSH TAPE SPEED
```

2 **Enter the desired program's PlusCode using the number buttons.**

If you make a mistake, press TIMER CLEAR and enter the PlusCode again.

```
VCR Plus+

  PLUSCODE      TAPE SPEED
 [432-----]        [SP]
AFTER ENTERING PLUSCODE,
PUSH ONCE,DAILY,
OR WEEKLY
IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE,
PUSH CLEAR
```

3 **Select the tape speed, SP or EP, by pressing TAPE SPEED.**

```
VCR Plus+

  PLUSCODE      TAPE SPEED
 [43257---]        [SP]
AFTER ENTERING PLUSCODE,
PUSH ONCE,DAILY,
OR WEEKLY
IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE,
PUSH CLEAR
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4 **Press ONCE, DAILY or WEEKLY according to the following:**

To record the program	Press
Only once	ONCE
Monday to Friday at the same scheduled time	DAILY
Every week at the same scheduled time	WEEKLY

The recording information appears on the TV screen: date, program start and stop times, channel number and tape speed. Check that the information is correct. To preset another timer setting, repeat steps **1** to **4**.

```
VCR Plus+

  PLUSCODE      TAPE SPEED
 [43257---]        [SP]
      RECORDING TIME
DATE   START  STOP  CH
12/10 WED 8:00PM 10:00PM 58 SP
TO SET TIMER,PUSH POWER
TO CANCEL,PUSH CLEAR
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Note

- If the tape indicator and the TIMER indicator in the VCR's display window flash when the VCR turns off, check for one of the following causes:
  - no cassette has been inserted,
  - the tape is at its end, or
  - the safety tab on the cassette has been removed.

5 **Press POWER to turn off the VCR.**

The TIMER indicator on the VCR lights up and the VCR stands by for recording. When using a cable box, leave it on. The VCR automatically turns on, records the program and turns off.

To stop recording

Press ■ STOP.

To use the VCR while recording

You can do the following tasks while recording using VCR Plus+.

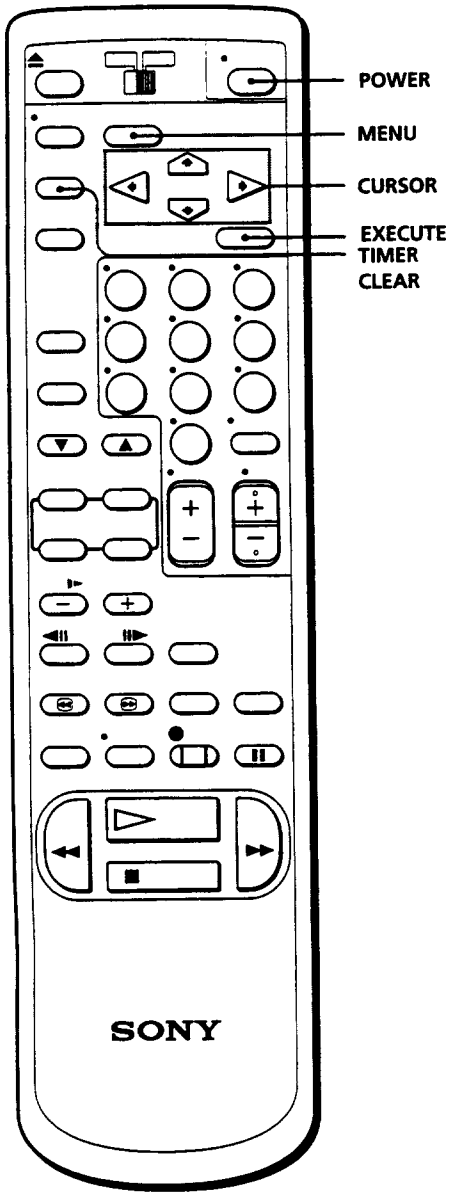
To	Press
Reset the counter to "0H00M00S"	COUNTER RESET
Display tape information on the TV screen	DISPLAY
Check the timer settings	MENU and select TIMER SET/CHECK
Watch another TV program	TV/VTR (See "Watching a TV program while recording another" on page **32**.)

Using the VCR before recording begins

Press POWER to turn off the VCR. The TIMER indicator on the VCR goes off and the VCR is ready for use.

After using the VCR, turn off the VCR again to turn on the TIMER indicator on the VCR. When using a cable box, leave it on. Remember to turn off the VCR to stand by for recording before the time you've set the VCR to start recording, or the timer setting will be cancelled.

Checking/changing/ cancelling timer settings



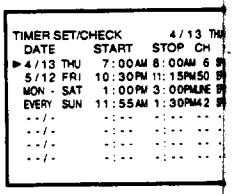
This section shows you how to check, change and cancel the timer settings after you've stored them in the VCR.

Before you start...

- Turn on your TV and tune in to the VCR.

1 **Press POWER to turn off the TIMER indicator on the VCR.**

2 **Press MENU and select TIMER SET/ CHECK.**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DATE START STOP CH
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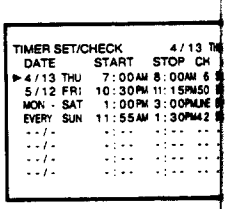
5/12 FRI 10:30PM 11:15PM50
MON - SAT 1:00PM 3:00PMLINE
EVERY SUN 11:55AM 1:30PM42

3 **Check the timer settings:**

- If you do not want to change or cancel the settings, press EXECUTE, then turn off the VCR to return to recording standby.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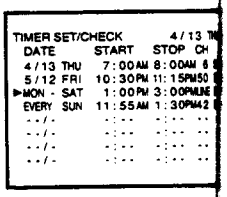
4 **Change or cancel the timer setting:**

Press the CURSOR (/) buttons to move the cursor (▶) to the setting you want to change or cancel.

- To change the setting, press the CURSOR (/) buttons to flash the item you want to change, and reset it using the CURSOR (/) buttons. Then, press CURSOR to move the cursor to the leftmost column.
- To cancel the setting, press TIMER CLEAR.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5 **Press EXECUTE.**

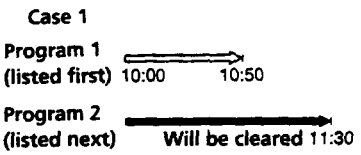
The VCR returns to the original screen. When there are any other timer settings left in the TIMER SET/CHECK menu, press POWER to return to recording standby.

To check the timer settings during timer recording

Press MENU and select TIMER SET/CHECK. After checking, press EXECUTE to turn off the display.

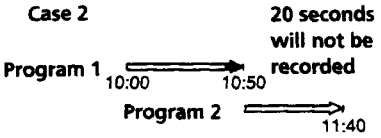
When the timer settings overlap

The VCR will not record overlapping programs. If any of your timer settings overlap, change the settings.



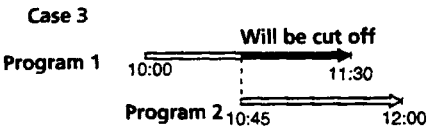
Case 1: If you preset two programs to start recording at the same time...

The program listed first in the TIMER SET/CHECK menu has priority over the other program. The timer setting of the lower priority program will be erased from the TIMER SET/CHECK menu when the first program begins recording.



Case 2: If you preset program 2 to start recording at the same time you preset program 1 to finish recording...

The last 20 seconds of program 1 will not be recorded because the VCR will enter recording pause for program 2 before program 1 is finished.

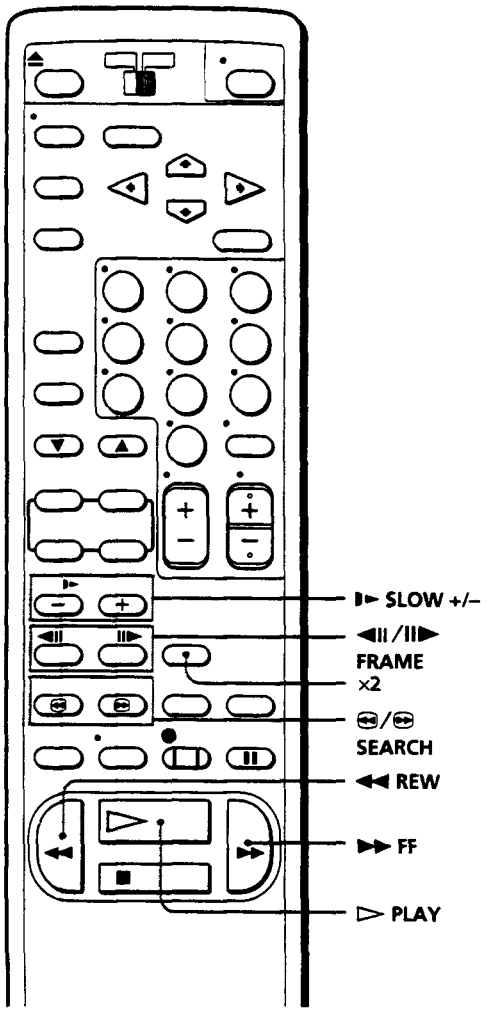


Case 3: If you preset program 2 to start recording before program 1 is finished recording...

Program 2 will start recording before program 1 has finished.

Additional Operations

Playing/searching at various speeds



Tip

- Adjust the picture using the ▼/▲ TRACKING NORMAL/SLOW STILL ADJUST buttons if:
  - Streaks appear while playing in slow motion.
  - Bands appear on the top or bottom while pausing.
  - The picture shakes while pausing.

Note

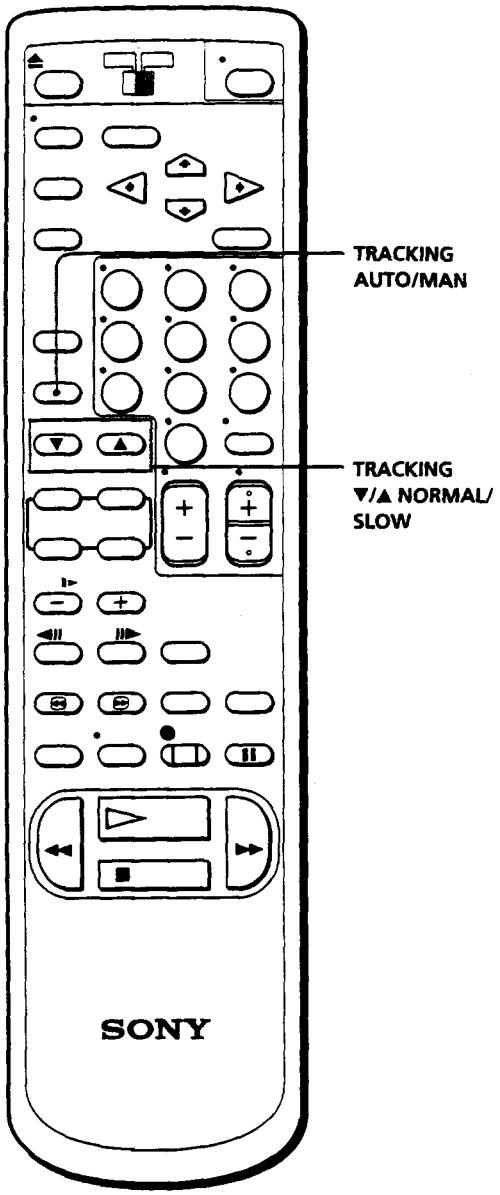
- Tapes recorded in LP mode can be played back on this VCR, while playback in modes other than normal forward speed is not guaranteed.

You can play back a tape at various speeds: high-speed, slow motion, frame by frame and so on. These options are also useful for searching for a specific point during playback. The sound is muted during these operations.

Playback options	Operation	To resume normal playback
Playing at twice the normal speed	During playback or pause, press ×2.	Press ▷ PLAY.
Fast-forwarding/Rewinding	During stop, press ►► FF or ◄◄ REW.	Press ▷ PLAY.
Viewing the picture during fast-forward or rewind	During fast-forward, keep pressing ►► FF. During rewind, keep pressing ◄◄ REW.	——
Locking in a high-speed picture	During playback or pause, press ⏩ SEARCH or ⏪ SEARCH . To change direction, press ◄II FRAME (backward) or II► FRAME (forward).	Press ▷ PLAY.
Locking in a slow-motion picture	During playback or pause, press I► SLOW +/–. You can increase the playback speed with the + button and decrease the speed with the – button. To change direction, press ◄II FRAME (backward) or II► FRAME (forward).	Press ▷ PLAY.
Playing frame by frame	During pause, press II► FRAME to advance the picture one frame or ◄II FRAME to reverse the picture one frame. Keep pressing the button to advance or reverse one frame every one second.	Press ▷ PLAY.
Skipping a scene	During playback, press SKIP. Pressing once skips about 30 seconds.	The VCR automatically resumes normal playback.
Rewind and automatically restart play	During stop, press ▷ PLAY on the VCR while pressing ◄◄ REW on the VCR.	——

Adjusting the picture

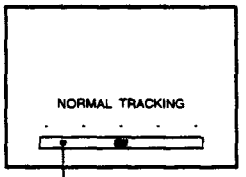
The VCR automatically adjusts the picture for the best possible playback or recording. If, however, you find the automatic adjustment unsatisfactory, you can adjust the picture manually.



Adjusting the tracking

Though the VCR automatically adjusts the tracking when playing a tape (the AUTO TRACKING indicator flashes in the display window, then lights steadily), distortion may occur if the tape was recorded in poor condition. If so, manually adjust the tracking condition.

Press the ▼/▲ TRACKING NORMAL/SLOW buttons to display the tracking meter. The distortion should disappear as you press one of the two buttons. If you cannot get a clear picture with manual adjustment, press TRACKING AUTO/MAN to return to automatic adjustment.



Tracking meter

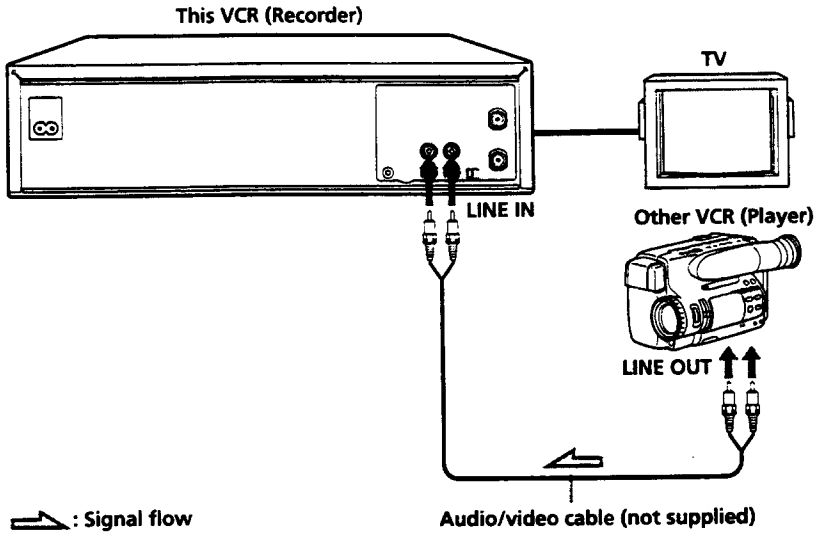
Note

- Auto tracking adjustment is not possible for tapes recorded in LP mode.

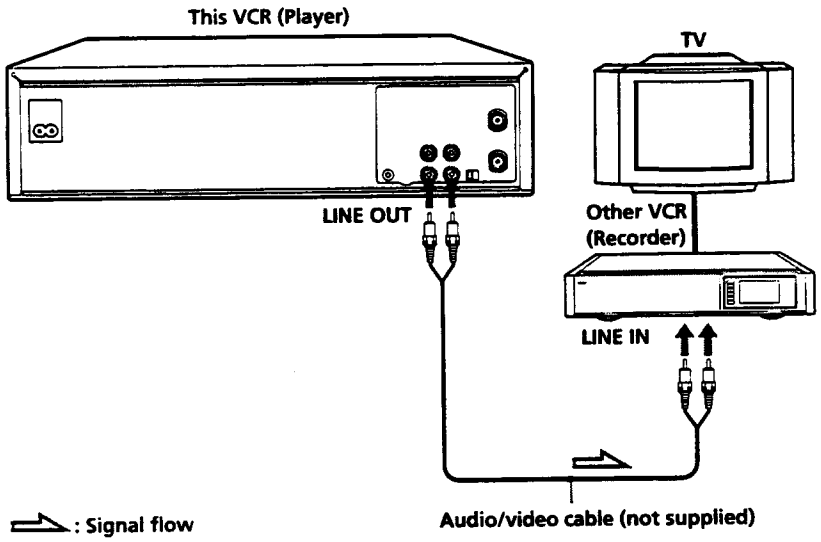
Editing with another VCR

This section shows you how to edit to or from another VCR or camcorder. You can make a copy of a tape using this VCR for recording or playback.

How to hook up to record on this VCR



How to hook up to record to another VCR

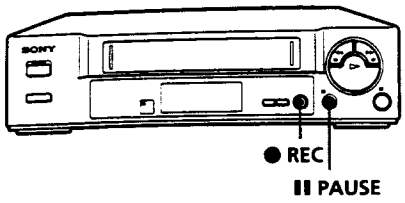


Tip

- Make sure you connect the plugs to jacks of the same color.

Note

- When connecting the VCRs, do not simultaneously connect the LINE IN and LINE OUT jacks on your VCR. A humming noise may occur if you do this.



Tip

- You can select a video source from the LINE IN jacks using CH +/– or INPUT SELECT. When you use CH +/–, "L" in the display window appears between the lowest program position and the highest one.

Operation (when recording on this VCR)

Before you start editing

- Press INPUT SELECT to display "L" in the display window.
- Press TAPE SPEED on the remote commander to select the recording tape speed (SP/EP).

1 **Insert a source tape with its safety tab removed into the other (playback) VCR. Search for the point to start playback and set it to playback pause.**

2 **Insert a tape with its safety tab in place into this (recording) VCR. Search for the point to start recording and press II PAUSE.**

3 **Press ● REC on this VCR and set it to recording pause.**

4 **To start editing, press the II PAUSE buttons on both VCRs to release the VCRs from pause.**
For best results, press the pause button on the other VCR just before pressing II PAUSE on this VCR.

Tips

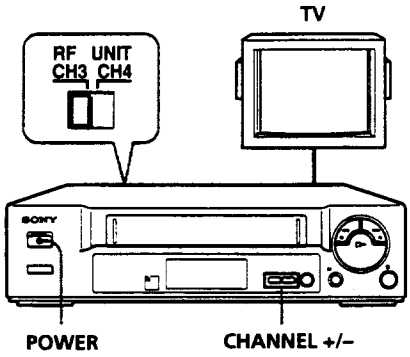
- To release the VCRs from pause, use the II PAUSE buttons on the VCRs so that you can edit more precisely.
- To cut out unwanted scenes while editing, press II PAUSE on this VCR when an unwanted scene begins. When it ends, press II PAUSE again to resume recording (Assemble Editing).

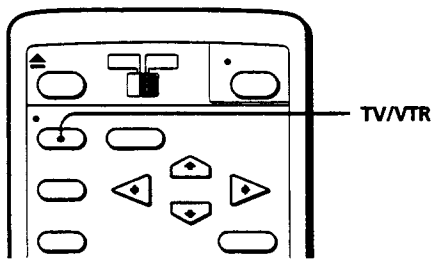
To stop editing

Press the ■ STOP buttons on both VCRs.

Additional Information

General setup information





Setting the RF unit

When connecting the VCR to the TV using only the antenna cable, you must set the RF UNIT switch on the rear of the VCR so that the TV can receive the correct signal from the VCR.
If you connect the VCR to the TV using the supplied audio/video cable, you can skip this step.

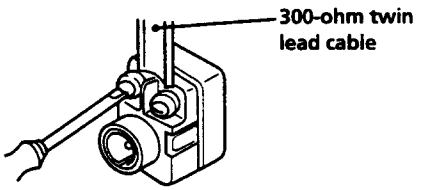
1 Set the RF UNIT switch on the rear of the VCR to CH3 or CH4, whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.

2 Press POWER to turn on the VCR.

3 Press TV/VTR to turn on the VTR indicator in the VCR's display window.

4 Press CHANNEL +/– to display a channel number in the display window. Select an active channel number in your area.

5 Turn on your TV and set it to the channel you selected in step **1** (channel 3 or 4).
The selected TV channel broadcast appears on the TV screen. If the channels change when you press CHANNEL +/–, you have made the correct setting.
Whenever you use the VCR, set the TV to the channel selected in step **1**.



EAC-32 Antenna connector (not supplied)

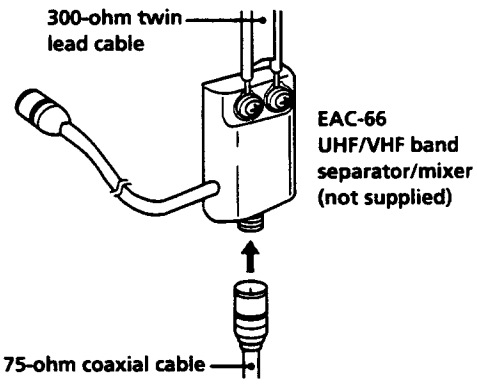
Attaching the external antenna connector

When using a 300-ohm twin lead cable for VHF/UHF antenna, use the EAC-32 antenna connector (not supplied) to connect the antenna to the VCR.

1 Loosen the screws on the antenna connector.

2 Wind the twin leads around the screws on the antenna connector.

3 Retighten the screws.



Attaching an UHF/VHF band mixer

When using both 75-ohm coaxial cable and 300-ohm twin lead cable for VHF/UHF antenna, use the EAC-66 UHF/VHF band separator/mixer (not supplied) to connect the antenna to the VCR.

1 Loosen the screws on the mixer.

2 Wind the twin leads around the screws on the mixer.

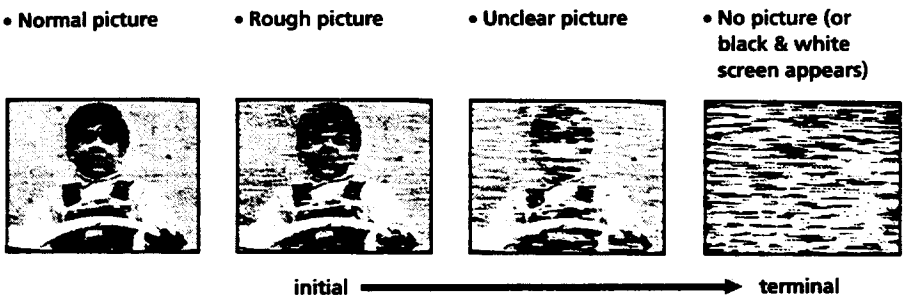
3 Retighten the screws.

4 Connect the 75-ohm coaxial cable to the mixer.

Troubleshooting

	Symptom	Remedy
Power	The POWER switch does not function.	• Connect the AC power cord securely.
	The power is turned on but the VCR does not operate.	• Moisture condensation occurs. Turn the power off, unplug the AC power cord and leave the VCR to dry for over an hour.
Clock	The clock has stopped and "–:– –" lights in the display window.	• The clock stops if the VCR is disconnected from the wall outlet for more than three hours. Reset the clock (and timer).
Playback	The playback picture does not appear on the TV screen.	• Make sure the TV is set to the channel for the VCR. If you are using a monitor, set it to video input.
	The picture is not clear.	• Adjust the tracking with the ▼/▲ TRACKING NORMAL/SLOW buttons. • The video heads are dirty (see below). Clean the video heads using the Sony T-25CL video head cleaning cassette. If this cleaning cassette is not available in your area, have the heads cleaned at your nearest Sony dealer (a standard service charge will be required.) Do not use a commercially available wet-type cleaning cassette, as it may damage the video heads. • The video heads may have to be replaced. Consult your local Sony dealer for more information.
	The picture rolls vertically during picture search.	• Adjust the vertical hold control on the TV or monitor.
	The picture has no sound.	• The tape is defective. Use a new tape.

Symptoms caused by contaminated video heads



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Troubleshooting
(continued)

	Symptom	Remedy
Recording	A TV program does not appear on the TV screen.	• Make sure the TV is set to the channel for the VCR. If you are using a monitor, set it to video input.
	TV reception is poor.	• Adjust the TV antenna. • Make sure that the RF UNIT switch on the rear is set correctly.
	The tape ejects when you press ● REC.	• Check that the safety tab has not been removed.
	Nothing happens when you press ● REC.	• Make sure the tape is not at its end.
Timer recording	The timer does not operate.	• Check that the clock is set. • Make sure a tape has been inserted. • Check that the safety tab has not been removed. • Make sure the tape is not at its end. • Make sure a program has been set for timer recording. • Make sure your timer settings have not already passed the current time. • Check that the cable box is turned on. • The clock stops if the VCR is disconnected from the wall outlet for more than three hours. Reset the clock and timer. • When you use cable box control, make sure the CABLE BOX CONTROL option is set to ON.
Others	A tape cannot be inserted.	• Check that a tape isn't already in the tape compartment.
	The remote commander does not function.	• Make sure you are pointing the remote commander at the remote sensor on the VCR. • Replace all the batteries in the remote commander with new ones if they are weak.
	The channels on the VCR cannot be changed.	• Make sure the CABLE BOX CONTROL option is set to OFF.
	The tracking indicator does not appear on the screen.	• The recording condition of the tape is very poor and tracking cannot be adjusted.
	The VCR needs to be cleaned.	• Clean the cabinet, panel and controls with a dry, soft cloth, or a soft cloth slightly moistened with a mild detergent solution. Do not use any type of solvent, such as alcohol or benzine.
		If you have any questions or problems concerning your unit, please consult your nearest Sony dealer.

Specifications

System

Format
VHS NTSC standard

Video recording system
Rotary two-head helical scanning FM system

Video signal
NTSC color, EIA standards

Tape speed
SP: 33.35 mm/s (1 3/8 inches/s)
EP: 11.11 mm/s (7/16 inches/s)
LP: 16.67 mm/s (11/16 inches/s), playback only

Maximum recording/playback time
8 hrs. in EP mode (with T-160 tape)

Fast-forward and rewind time
Approx. 3 min (with T-120 tape)

Tuner section

Channel coverage
VHF 2 to 13
UHF 14 to 69
CATV A-8 to A-1, A to W, W+1 to W+84

RF output channel
VHF channel 3 or 4

Antenna
75-ohm antenna terminal for VHF/UHF

Inputs and outputs

LINE IN
VIDEO IN, phono jack (1)
Input signal: 1 Vp-p, 75 ohms, unbalanced, sync negative
AUDIO IN, phono jack (1)
Input level: –7.5 dBs (0 dBs = 0.775 Vrms)
Input impedance: more than 47 kilohms

LINE OUT
VIDEO OUT, phono jack (1)
Output signal: 1 Vp-p, 75 ohms, unbalanced, sync negative
AUDIO OUT, phono jack (1)
Standard output: –7.5 dBs
Load impedance: 47 kilohms
Output impedance: less than 10 kilohms

CABLE BOX CONTROL (CONTROL S OUT)
Mini jack (1)

Timer section

Clock
Quartz locked

Timer indication
12-hour cycle

Timer setting
Only for recording 8 programs in one month at max.

Power back-up
Built-in self-charging capacitor
Back-up duration: up to three hours at one time

General

Power requirements
120 V AC, 60 Hz *(for SLV-440/441)*
110 V to 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz *(for SLV-440PX)*

Power consumption
19 W (max.)

Operating temperature
5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)

Storage temperature
–20°C to 60°C (–4°F to 140°F)

Dimensions
Approx. 355 × 100 × 277 mm (w/h/d)
Approx. (14 × 4 × 11 inches) including projecting parts and controls

Mass
Approx. 4.2 kg (9 lb 4 oz)

Supplied accessories

Remote commander (1)
Size AA (R6) batteries (2)
75-ohm coaxial cable with F-type connectors (1)
AC power cord (1)
Cable Mouse (cable box controller) (1)
Plug adaptor (1) (SLV-440 PX only)

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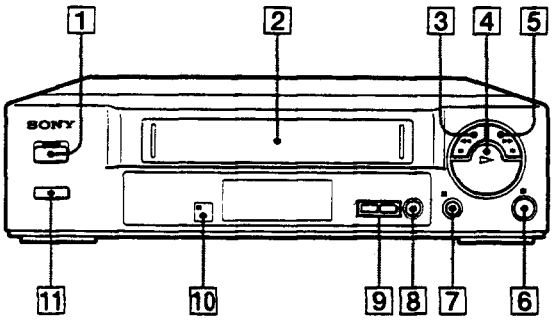
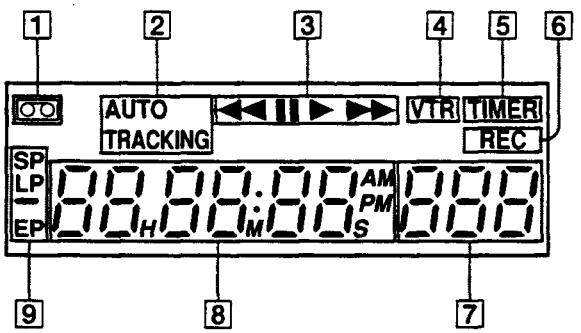


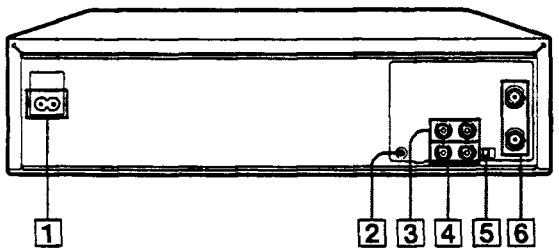
1 POWER switch/indicator
2 Tape compartment
3 ◀◀ REW (rewind) button (40)
4 ▷ PLAY button (40)
5 ▶▶ FF (fast-forward) button
6 ■ STOP button (43)
7 ❚❚ PAUSE button (43)
8 ● REC (recording) button (43)
9 CHANNEL +/– buttons (44)
10 Remote sensor (5)
11 ⏏ EJECT button

Display window



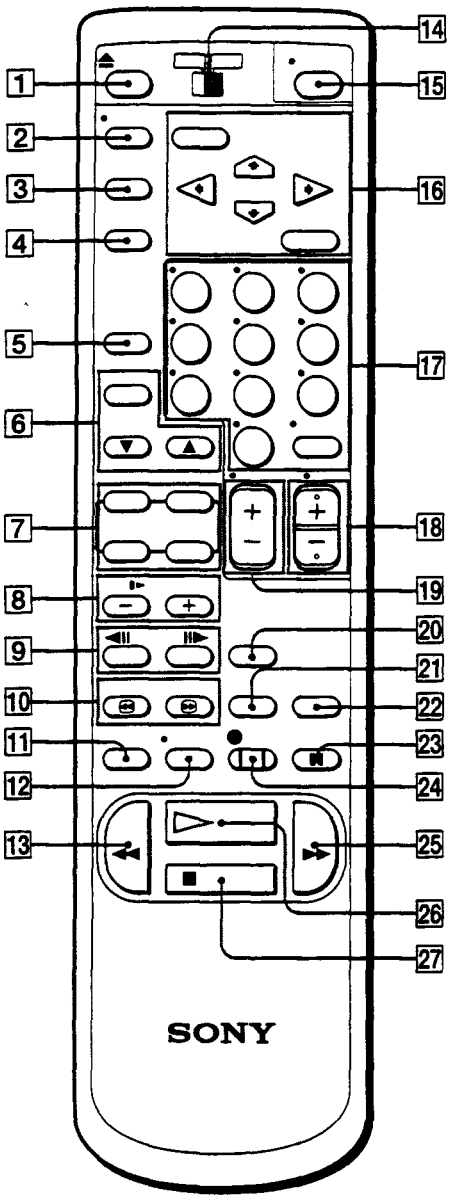
1 Tape indicator
2 AUTO TRACKING indicator (41)
3 Tape operation indicators
4 VTR indicator (32)
5 TIMER indicator (34)
6 REC (recording) indicator
7 Line/channel indicator (30)
8 Time counter/clock (19, 29)
9 Tape speed indicators (30)

Rear panel



1 AC IN connector
2 CABLE BOX CONTROL (CTRL S OUT) jack
3 LINE IN AUDIO/VIDEO jacks (42)
4 LINE OUT AUDIO/VIDEO jacks (7, 42)
5 RF UNIT switch (44)
6 VHF/UHF connectors (8, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Remote commander



1 ⏏ EJECT button (28)

2 TV/VTR button (32)

3 TIMER CLEAR button (36, 38)

4 QUICK TIMER button (31)

5 COUNTER RESET button (29)

6 TRACKING buttons (41)
▼/▲ NORMAL SLOW (STILL ADJUST) buttons
AUTO/MANUAL button

7 VCR Plus+ buttons (36)
VCR Plus+ button
ONCE button
DAILY button
WEEKLY button

8 ▮► SLOW buttons (40)

9 ◄II/II► FRAME buttons (40)

10 ⏮/⏭ SEARCH buttons (40)

11 SKIP button (40)

12 DISPLAY button (29)

13 ◄◄ REW (rewind) button (40)

14 TV/VTR remote control switch (5)

15 POWER switch

16 Menu operation buttons
MENU button
CURSOR buttons
(△ / ▽ / ◁ / ▷)
EXECUTE button

17 Channel number buttons and ENTER button

18 CH (channel) button (30)

19 VOL (volume) button

20 ×2 (double speed) button (40)

21 TAPE SPEED button (30)

22 INPUT SELECT button (43)

23 II PAUSE button (28)

24 ● REC (recording) button (30)

25 ►► FF (fast-forward) button (40)

26 ▷ PLAY button (28, 40)

27 ■ STOP button (28)

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Quick reference to using the VCR

Hookup 1

To play a tape

1. Set the TV to channel 3 or 4 (or to video input, if you made A/V connections.)
2. Insert a tape and press ▷ PLAY.
   If there's no picture on your TV, press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator comes on in the display window.

To make a timer recording

1. Turn on the cable box.
2. Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
3. Enter the program's PlusCode number.
4. Press ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY.
5. Insert a tape.
6. Press POWER to turn off the VCR.
   Leave the cable box on.

To watch TV

1. Press POWER to turn off your VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2. Turn on your cable box.
3. Set the TV to the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4).
4. Set the cable box to the channel you want to watch.

Hookup 2

To play a tape

1. Set the TV to channel 3 or 4 (or to video input, if you made A/V connections.)
2. Insert a tape and press ▷ PLAY.
   If there's no picture on your TV, press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator comes on in the display window.

To make a timer recording

1. Turn on the cable box.
2. Set the cable box to the channel you want to record.
3. Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
4. Enter the program's PlusCode number.
5. Press ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY.
6. Insert a tape.
7. Press POWER to turn off the VCR.
   Leave the cable box on.

To watch TV

1. Press POWER to turn off your VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2. Turn on your cable box.
3. Set the TV to the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4).
4. Set the cable box to the channel you want to watch.

Hookup 3

To play a tape

1. If you made A/V connections: Set the TV to video input.
   If you didn't use neither A/V hookup nor a cable box, see "To play a tape" in Hookup 4.
   If you didn't use A/V hookup and if you connected the cable box:
   - Turn on the cable box.
   - Set the cable box to channel 3 or 4.
   - Set the TV to the output channel of the cable box (usually 2, 3 or 4).
2. Insert a tape and press ▷ PLAY.

To make a timer recording

1. Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
2. Enter the program's PlusCode number.
3. Press ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY.
4. Insert a tape.
5. Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

To watch TV

1. Press POWER to turn off your VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2. If you didn't connect a cable box, select the channel with the TV.
   If you connected a cable box:
   - Turn on your cable box.
   - Set the TV to the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4).
   - Select the channel with the cable box.

Hookup 4

To play a tape

1. Set the TV to channel 3 or 4 (or to video input, if you made A/V connections.)
2. Insert a tape and press ▷ PLAY.
   If there's no picture on your TV, press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator comes on in the display window.

To make a timer recording

1. Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
2. Enter the program's PlusCode number.
3. Press ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY.
4. Insert a tape.
5. Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

To watch TV

1. Press POWER to turn off the VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2. Set the TV to the channel you want to watch.

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